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Spitak buries its dead

Labour warns of debt trap for families

Lawson says interest rates will rise if necessary

● The average British family is £1,700 in debt and seasonal spending will push that higher, Labour said yesterday

◆ The party's Treasury spokesman said high interest rates on credit cards were fuelling a family debt crisis

to the end of the house price boom

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

As Mr Gordon Brown, Labour's Treasury spokesman, issued a warning yesterday that high interest rates on credit cards were fuelling a huge increase in family debts, Mr Nigel Lawson responded that he would continue increasing interest rates if it proved necessary to counter inflation.

With high street trade picking up sharply over the pre-Christmas weekend, Mr Brown said that the average family was now £1,700 in debt, excluding mortgage, and that many families would spend £400 on their

He called for the Government to issue "league tables" warning shoppers of the true interest rates they would be paying as they used their credit cards to purchase Christmas presents to be paid

Thousands of families, he said, would face debt misery in 1989 as they repaid the

on, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave a warning that if it proved necessary in the interests of containing inflation he would again raise

INSIDE **British** tank firm favoured

The purchase of 600 Britishbuilt Challenser 2 tanks costing £1.4 billion is expected to be approved by the Cabinet's overseas and defence committee today following a fierce Whitehall battle against its American rival, the MIAI Abrams, Some 10,000 jobs at Vickers Defence Systems of Leeds, Britain's sole tank manufacturer, would have been at risk had the American option been favoured... Page 2

GrandMet bid

Grand Metropolitan awaited the outcome last night of a meeting in the US, at which Pillsbury would decide wheth-er to end the \$5.5 billion (£3 billion) takeover battle launched by GrandMet.....Page 21

Bank fears

Third world debt has grown to \$1,300 billion (£718 billion) but there is no end in sight to the crisis over repayments, the World Bank admittedPage 21

Swedes jeered Sweden, defeated by West Germany in the final of the Davis Cup in Gothenburg, controversially forfeited the fifth rubber yesterday amid

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The Chancellor said he would raise interest rates again if that were necessary to control inflation

 Mr Lawson said the economy was slowing down as he wished, largely due

the basic interest rates, which govern the terms offered by high street traders and credit card companies.

Speaking on BBC Television's Money Programme in possibly his last interview before entering Budget pur-dah, Mr Lawson said: "So far all the signs are that the economy is slowing down in just the way that I had hoped it

"The rate of growth has slowed down a bit, and the

Monday Pages......12, 13 Lawson hope...

housing boom which had been a key problem in the economy, with something like three quarters of total personal borrowing being on mortgages that has taken a pronounced

turn down. But Mr Lawson added: "I can assure you that monetary policy will be kept as tight as is necessary to keep inflation under control, and whenever it is necessary to raise interest

Mr Brown published a list of the true APR (annual percentage rate) charged by a number of the leading high street traders for their inhouse credit schemes and by the credit card companies. He promised that Labour would go on doing so until the Government adopted the

Brown ranged from 19.9-20.2 per cent for Save and Prosper Visa card holders, through 23.1 per cent for Leeds Permanent Visa to 26.8-27.2 per cent

for Barclays Visa. Others included Chase Manhattan Visa (19.9-20.2), Halifax Visa (20.9 -21.7), Nat West Access (25.3), Midland Access (26.8) and Lloyds Access (26.8). Where two figures are quoted the lower figure refers to normal purchases, the higher figure to cash

Annual percentage interest rates on cards issued by groups in the list ranged from 19.5 per cent for John Lewis's to 29.0-32.9 per cent for Storehouse. Others included

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television in crown court cases

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Law officers have been dis-

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The Home Office is ex-

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television from January 5,

alleged abusers.

Spencer (34.5), Next (29.8) and Rumbelows (32.9). Here the lower figure refers to direct debits, the higher one normally to a regular cash

The Opposition has consis-tently attacked the Chancellor for creating an unsustainable consumer credit boom based on credit which is fuelling Britain's balance of payments deficit of nearly £13 billion a

Mr Brown's survey, conducted as the Christmas shopping trade took off in the past few days after a steadier than usual start this year, found that in the past two months some storecards had increased their rates by as much as 8 per

Mr Brown said yesterday: "This new list demonstrates the urgent need for Government action to protect con-sumers from widely varying interest rates".

The Christian research group, the Jubilee Centre, is to mount a campaign on family debt in the new year after studies indicating a severe effect on low income families. The centre's studies have

found that citizens' advice bureaux receive half a millioninquiries on debt in a year. . The Government has resisted calls for regular publication of interest rate league tables showing the rates charged by credit card

companies.
Mr Peter Lilley, Economic Among credit card com- Secretary to the Treasury, has panies, figures listed by Mr said that 85 per cent of the debt of British families is on their mortgages and that only 5 per cent is represented by credit cards

• High interest rates on storecards do not affect the vast majority of card holders. who use them for convenience and pay off the balance before any interest is incurred, retailers said yesterday (David

Smith writes). Marks &Spencer, with 15 per cent of sales on its own charge card, said that bad debt problems arose from insufficient vetting of card

made for the reform in the

The Commons will today

private member's motion to

debate child cruelty on a

be introduced by Mr Geoffrey

Dickens, Conservative MP for

Littleborough and Saddle-

worth, which is designed to

draw attention to the package

of deterrent measures now

arrayed against the potential

child-abuser. He will ask the

Home office to sponsor late

night television advertising to

bring home to potential

1988 Criminal Justice Act.

applicants. The rates of interest charged high street store on Access and Barclaycard are currently the subject of an investigation by the Monopolies Commission, but that Debenhams (32.1-35.3), Dix- investigation does not include ons (33.7-38.4), Marks & storecards.

TV evidence speed-up

in cases of child abuse

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Government is to speed several months sooner than

up the legal reform allowing expected when provision was

More cash pledged to ease London transport By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary is going on and which will of State for Transport, vesterday promised increased investment in London's transport and hinted at the possibil-

A grieving Armenian carrying a coffin for an earthquake victim in Spitak, now

deserted by everyone except rescue teams. The little stage of the relief

effort, which concentrated on finding survivors, has ended, the Soviet

anthorities have announced (Mary

Dejevsky writes). Rebuilding and repairing devastated areas is to begin.

He also acknowledged that the Government could be "driven" to making car owners pay for using London's roads though he emphasized that it was a "deeply unattractive negretar".

tive prospect". Interviewed on BBC radio's The World This Weekend about the capital's transport crisis, which was recently highlighted in a series in The Times, Mr Channon admitted that the problem of congestion and overcrowding was "very

serious indeed". He said there was already a vast investment programme underway to make up for past

negieci. effect of it, this enormous investment programme which

clearly have to increase."

One million pounds a day was being spent on London Regional Transport and £1 ity of new underground rail billion over the next five years on Network South East. These were vast sums. "They will get

Underground and on rail. He wanted to increase the use of rail over car. Mr Channon said the results of the Central London Rail Study, which he commissioned early this year. would be unveiled in the next few weeks and would include "ambitious proposals" for improving rail transport.

This study has examined eglect. the possibility of new Under-People have yet to feel the ground lines and an underground British Rail link across gic transport planning auth-London. Asked about the Continued on page 2, col 7

said that, except in one or two locations in the capital, "there's no technical reasons why they can't be built". Such a study had never been undertaken before "and I think you will see that it is very important", he said.

ten days, but the authorities are now

persuading women, children and eld-erly people to leave the region while

rebuilding takes place. A sharp drop in

Rebuilding starts, page 7

Armenia concert, page 20

temperatures has been forecast.

Asked whether the Government would have to introduce measures to discourage private car owners from taking their vehicles into central London, Mr Channon conceded: "We may be driven to that".

However, he said a system of "road pricing" would be deeply unpopular and many people would feel it was unnecessary. It would hurt a lot of people who had to use their cars in the capital for business or other purposes. Mr Channon rejected the idea of establishing a single strate-Continued on page 2, col 7

Anti-Aids campaign 'ineffectual' The Government's advertis- fear of Aids are failing to reach convey a message of greater

ing campaign to combat the their target. spread of Aids is ineffectual. according to a leading research psychologist.

Dr Lorraine Sherr, from St Mary's Hospital, London, will Continued on page 20, col 1 | isements designed to induce aimed at the risk groups and

She will suggest to the today that a blunderbuss approach to health education on Aids would be better replaced tell an experts' meeting, Aids, with more narrowly targeted Eight Years On, that advert- campaigns. They had to be

A comparison of a group of British Psychological Society students and a group of highrisk drug users, in London, showed neither groups regarded themselves at risk of acquiring the disease. Missed target, page 5

Kremlin moves towards death penalty abolition

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

The Soviet Union is set to drop the death penalty for many offences, including embezzlement, kidnapping and most murder, and the sentence of exile is to be abolished.

The changes, which also include the introduction of "genocide" as a criminal offence, are recorded in the draft principles for the new criminal code - Fundamentals of Criminal Legislation of the USSR and the Union Republics - which were pub-

lished at the weekend. The draft offers the first thorough overhaul of the Soviet judicial system for 30 years and follows a year of intense discussion at lawyers' committees and in the press about what form the new criminal code should

take. The death penalty is to be retained for treachery, espionage, terrorism, subversion and particularly heinous cases of premeditated murder and the rape of juveniles.

Women, juveniles under the age of 18, and men above the age of 60 will

The guidelines make it clear that the eventual abolition of the death penalty is envisaged. But, as in Britain, a substantial body of opinion believes that it should be retained and applied, if anything, more widely. On Saturday, the television news showed an Armenian earthquake victim arguing passionately that looters in the disaster zone should be shot on sight. While the sentence of exile will no

longer be available to Soviet courts,

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the guidelines provide for "restrictions" to be imposed on individuals' freedom which would require them to work in a specified area under

The removal from the criminal code of the word exile, however, which has connotations going far back into Tsarist times, marks a psychological break with the past which

many will welcome. Another significant change is that criminals who have completed their sentence will no longer be subject to restrictions on where they live and work, and will have all their civic rights restored.

In line with the official encouragement of co-operatives to provide goods and services, co-operative

property is given legal protection on a par with state property. There is no mention, however, of private property. The Popular Front organizations in the Baltic states had campaigned to have private ownership recognized as a constitutionally valid form of ownership, but this was ruled out by

The most severe sentence besides the death penalty provided for under the new guidelines is 15 years' imprisonment. It will apply to many offences which previously carried the death penalty, including organized crime, large-scale embezzlement of state or public property, bribe-taking, hijacking which results in death, war

crimes, and the new crime of geno-Continued on page 20, col 3

Europe is given terror

The security forces in a number of European countries, including Britain, have been placed on alert before Christmas after warnings from the Palestine Liberation Organization that either Israeli agents or Palestinian extremists may launch terrorist attacks designed to undermine the new dialogue between the United States and the PLO.

The warnings have been communicated to both the US and the main European embassies here by senior PLO officials who claim to have intercepted information about Jewish undercover plans. Western intelligence sour-

ces have cautioned their own governments about the threat of violence from Palestinian splinter groups. Extra security precautions

have also been ordered to protect Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman and key archi-

PLO government.

tect of the peace dialogue, who appeared at a press briefing here over the weekend carrying a machine pistol.

Arab governments are taking seriously the possibility that Israeli commandos may try and upset the present wave of support for the PLO by

ssassinating Mr Arafat. Mr Yassir Abdel-Rabbo, the leader of the PLO delegation which met the US diplomats. told The Times that he had informed them officially of specific evidence provided earlier to European embassies that Mossad, the Israeli secret service, was planning terrorist attacks in Western Europe, which they would then try to blame on the PLO.

A senior Nato security source confirmed that such warnings had been transmitted to the British Government, amongst others, but said that it was difficult to assess the extent of the threat. There is no doubt that there are people on both sides so against this process that they

would go to any lengths to stop it," he said. According to Western intel-ligence officials, Mossad does have "dirty tricks" squads who would be capable of posing as Arab terrorists. But the officials believe that any such crude attempt to try and sully the PLO's new image would stand a high risk of back-firing, to Israel's grave diplomatic disadvantage.

The officials fear that Palestinian radicals, notably feasibility of new Under-ground lines, Mr Channon Nidal, may also try to launch a spectacular terrorist outrage designed to force the US to break off the talks, which were begun on condition the PLO

renounced terrorism.



A pagan festival?



 Next Saturday a special Christmas edition of the Sunday Times Magazine will be published with The Times. In it, Anthony Burgess (above)asks whether Christmas is still a pagan festival. and examines the state of Christianity.

 In the same issue. eminent scholars, including the Bishop of Durham and Donald Cupitt, reflect on Jesus as myth, magician . . . and social worker.

With Hawksmoor and Chatterton, Peter Ackroyd became one of Britain's foremost young novelists. First Light, his latest book, is both strange and comic. It will be among the most discussed novels of the year. Read it in six extracts in *The Times* next week, starting on Boxing Day — when The Times will be the only quality newspaper to publish.

 The Times has many other treats in store this Christmas. To be sure of your copies over the holiday, place an order with your newsagent today.

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● Saturday's £8,000 weekly prize was not claimed, so the Portfolio Accumulator rises to £68,000. There is also today's £4,000 daily prize to be won. Prices: page 25



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Dublin call to Ryan witnesses

Possible witnesses against Patrick Ryan, the former priest, in any criminal trial are being canvassed on whether they would be prepared to give evidence in a case brought before an Irish court in Dublin.

No decision has yet been taken by the Government on whether to take up the suggestion by Mr John Murray, the Irish Attorney General, last week that the British authorities should take their case against Mr Ryan to the Irish courts. Mr Murray's suggestion, made as he turned down a British request for extradition, met doubts among legal and police sources when it was first raised. One factor in the decision will be the safety of witnesses and their wilingness

to appear in court. British witnesses in any case are likely to include Scotland Yard Anti-Terrorist Branch officers, explosives experts and

Meningitis cases rise

There has been a "dramatic" rise in the number of reported cases of meningitis in England and Wales this year and the trend is getting worse. The outlook for the new year is gloomy, according to the Meningitis Trust, based at Stroud, Gloucestershire. So far this year there have been 2,706 cases of acute meningitis compared with 2,567 last year, Mr Steve Dayman, trust chairman, said. About 10 per cent of victims

Fines for seal-killing

People killing seals will face £1,000 fines under new rules to protect the creatures which come into effect today. It is hoped the measures will help restore the seal population around Britain's coastline after the epidemic earlier this year which killed thousands of the animals. The orders will prohibit the killing, injuring or taking of common seals in and around Britain, and provide similar protection for grey seals in England and Wales.

Water fears denied

People living in Camelford, Cornwall, are demanding government reassurances after tests showed their water supplies contained up to 6,000 times the official safe aluminium content after 20 tonnes of aluminium sulphate was accidentally discharged into water supplies last July. However, South West Water last night denied that most homes would have received water with the highest levels of

Karpov's speedy win

Anatoly Karpov has won the first world speed chess championship, although he had to share an \$80,000 purse with Viktor Gavrikov, who tied in a 10 game final series. After the two-day championship match at Mazatlan, Mexico, Karpov was awarded the title because of a better performance during the preliminary round. In the final game, Gavrikov had the white pieces and Karpov set up a Caro-Kann defence. Karpov lost a bishop and gave up in the 38th move after sharp tactical manoeuvres.

Crossword dates

Party ban

bill could

reach £1m

From John England, Bonn

The Government could be

faced with a bill of up to £1

million from British service-

men in West Germany in compensation for hundreds of

Christmas parties cancelled

A ban was ordered at

Bonn's request on December

9, the day after a US Air Force

aircraft crashed at Remscheid

near Dusseldorf, killing the

later after Lieutenant-General

Sir Peter Inge, Commander of

1 British Corps, complained

more than 350 parties had put

many of his men and their

ister of State for the Armed

Forces, went on British Forces television last Friday to ex-

He said the Treasury had

approved payment of out-of-

pocket expenses for all

cancellations not covered by

The ban was ordered after Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher,

the West German Foreign

Minister, spoke to Sir Geof-

frey Howe at the Nato Foreign

Minister's conference in Brus-

Music was stopped that

evening while many parties

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families badly out of pocket. Mr Archie Hamilton, Min-

The ban was lifted a week

because of an air crash.

pilot and five civilians.

The qualifying puzzle for The Times/Collins Dictionaries 1989 Crossword Championship will be published on January 12, and the eliminator puzzle, should one be necessary, on February 16. There will again be six regional finals: Leeds, Queens Hotel (capacity 300 competitors), March 5; Glasgow, Starkis Grosvenor Hotel (150), April 9; Birmingham, Grand Hotel (250), April 30; Bristol, Hilton International (300), May 14; London A, July 1, and London B, July 2, Wembley Hilton (325 each day). The national final will be held at London Hilton, Park Lane, on September 3.

Today's puzzle, page 20

Labour will not form election pact

emphatically rejected the idea appears that the two proof his party forming an elec-nouncements will serve meretoral pact with other oppo-sition parties to defeat the party debate on the issue.

The Labour leader also spoke of his fundamental objections to proportional representation, though he conspicuously did not rule out the possibility of a Labour government adopting PR if those objections could be

His recurring theme during a wide-ranging television in-terview was that Labour had to win the next election through hard slog and greater self discipline from certain sections of the party with whom he made little attempt to disguise his irritation.

Labour could not win by trying to change electoral rules, or by relying on Conser-vative mishandling of the economy, he said during an inter-view with Brian Walden on London Weekend Television. He attributed calls for pacts and PR largely to low morale and he condemned the "self indulgence of defeatism"

quarters of the party". Mr Roy Hattersley, the to improve Lab deputy Labour leader, also That had to be argues against PR in an article its own efforts.

which was apparent in "small

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday in The Guardian today, but it

A number of senior Labour figures, including Mr Robin Cook and Dr John Cunningham, Shadow Cabinet members, now favour PR. Mr Cook yesterday welcomed the fact that Mr Kinnock had not "closed the door" on it.

Mr Kinnock said PR delivered disproportionate power to small parties, and cited the example of West Germany's Free Democrats who had barely 7 per cent of the vote but wielded "60 per cent of

He acknowledged that PR was a tempting recourse when faced with the present "extremist" government, and that the debate would continue, but he said it was in any case irrelevant until Labour won overall power under the present electoral system.

Mr Kinnock said there was no single "great dramatic act" which would transform Labour's present standing, which he admitted was not good.

It would be foolish to expect growing economic pessimism to improve Labour's standing. That had to be done through

Kinnock says Tory MP urges egg inquiry



Concern among Conservative MPs over the egg crisis intensified yesterday when Sir Richard Body (above), the Tury MP for Holland with Boston who is a former chairman of the agriculture committee, claimed that the Ministry of Agriculture had, in 1981, watered down planned controls on the production of animal protein food for poultry to protect egg producers. Sir Richard, a farmer, said on BBC radio's The World This Weekend that a much stronger order than the one eventually adopted was proposed after as much as 90 per cent of

the poultry examined was found to be ed with salmonella. He agreed

there had been a tightening up since then of the way offal could be fed back to chickens, but he has called for an investigation by the all-party Commons select committee on agriculture. The ministry said that, since 1981, it had

powers to sample production plants and to take immediate steps when salmonella was detected. So far this year, 12.5 per cent of plants had produced samples showing salmo-

sures can only jeopardize future union attendance at such inquiries.

"Aslef took 25 years and thousands of pounds to establish the right of union participation and involvement at British Bail integral inquiries." at British Rail internal inquiries. A legal case taken to the House of Lords by Aslef alone established the rights of unions to participate in any employ-er's internal accident inquiry but such participation is dependent on unions

It is understood that while the inquiry has uncovered a number of unsastisfactory practices in the signalling department the unions will use the public inquiry to launch a catalogue of complaints dealing with long hours, pressure of work because of undermanning and low pay.

maintaining confidentiality."

Dynamics. However, sources vesterday said it was still possible for General Dynamics to win the contract if Vickers failed to deliver a successful prototype

● A £170 million Ministry of for the Royal Navy's squadrons of Sea Harriers has helped to calm fears that the British Aerospace factory at Kingston, Surrey, could be shut, (Harvey Elliott writes). Opposition MPs had said

closures as part of a long-term rationalization. Last night British Aerospace said order books for both Harriers and Hawks made at

"We can't hold any site as sacrosanct. There is no nominated list of closure and Kingston has not figured in

Baker

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Rail unions at odds over Clapham inquiry leak three representatives from the three

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The rail unions were last night on the verge of a public dispute over the Clapham Junction disaster as British Rail considered ending their right to be present at internal inquiries.

Mr Maurice Holmes, the board's director of safety, was said to be "furious" over leaks from the hearing which is supposed to be secret.

The inquiry, expected to end today, has identified shortcomings in working practices and identified two technicians who may have contributed to the tragedy. British Rail, in a "preliminary and provisional judge-ment", said the signalling equipment where the trains crashed had been

Legal profession agrees changes

Barristers may act alone in courts

Under the new rule, a barrister will be

able to appear without a solicitor where

the defendant is pleading guilty, appeal-

ing against a sentence of the magistrates'

court or been committed for sentence by

such a court because its powers are insufficient. As many as 50,000 or more

cases, some three fifths of crown court

workload, will be affected by the change.

solicitor believes the client is at risk — juveniles, mentally ill, blind, or with a poor command of English — or where the

client is likely to go to prison for the first

The Law Society has been concerned

to secure safeguards for clients before agreeing they should be left without a

solicitor or his representative. Yesterday

Mr Robert Johnson, QC, Bar chairman,

said the move would represent a

significant saving. Sometimes the solic-

itor's representative attending court for

time, solicitors should still attend.

The rule makes clear that where the

defectively installed by its staff. The equipment was not to blame.

When the inquiry opened last Wednesday, Mr Holmes reminded those present that their deliberations were confidential and would be passed on to the Department of Transport which will be responsible for setting up the public inquiry to be headed by Mr Anthony Hidden, QC. Apart from Mr Holmes, the three

other men who make up the internal inquiry and who are entitled to ask witnesses questions are Mr Alan Galley, regional operations manager, and two British Railways Board engineers, Mr Kenneth Hodson and Mr James Vine.

The only other people in the inquiry room on a permanent basis have been

widespread

less serious cases was "somebody with

no personal knowledge of the case and

sometimes very little knowledge of the

law". He emphasized this was not

• The belief that the solicitors' monop-

oly of house sale conveyancing has been

ended by recent legislation and that they

have had to reduce their fees because of

increased competition is a myth, a

conveyancing solicitor claims in a book

Administration of Justice Act 1985,

which inaugurated licensed convey-

ancers to operate in competition with

solicitors, and which was popularly

thought to have broken the solicitors'

conveyancing monopoly, in fact stren-

The Conveyancing Fraud (Michael Joseph, 27 Occupation Lane, London SE18 3JQ;

Mr Michael Joseph says that the

to be published next month.

gthened their position.

rail unions, Aslef, which represents drivers, the National Union of Railwaymen, and TSSA, which represents clerical grades. They are there on the strict understanding that the evidence is to be regarded as confiden-

tial and can be used only for the unions to prepare their submissions for the public inquiry. Last night, Mr Neil Milligan, general secretary of Aslef, said the right to be present at internal inquiries depended on union's maintaining confidentiality. It was an apparent attack on the NUR or the TSSA.

He said: "Aslef deplores the disclosure of evidence and information arising from the internal inquiry into the Clapham rail crash. Such disclo-

Scargill's call for overtime ban fails Defence contract for new radars, avionics and weapons for the Royal Navy's squad-

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Judgement today on waterway's future

Mr Arthur Scargill, president said: "I deeply regret that a of the National Union of number of area leaderships, Mineworkers, last night tur- despite pledges from some against industrial action.

In the ballot, called in protest against British Coal's pay bargaining procedures, 28,650, 49.37 per cent, voted in favour of an overtime ban with 29,386, 50.63 per cent,

voting against. The result demonstrated that the NUM, which next year could be taken over by the Transport and General Workers' Union, is now bitterly divided with many of its

ned on his fellow leaders after that they would abide by members narrowly voted national policy, openly campaigned against a democratic decision taken by a conference of our union". In the South Wales coal

field, members had been told by Mr Des Dutfield, their president, that industrial action would "marder our pits, our communities and our union".

Sir Robert Haslam, British Coal chairman, welcomed the vote. He said: "They have put their families, their jobs and officials rejecting the personal their pits before authority of Mr Scargill. He industrial action". their pits before destructive

clinch tank bid By Michael Evans Defence Correspondent A Cabinet committee is ev-

British

firm to

pected to approve the pur-chase of 600 British-built Challenger 2 tanks at a cost of £1.4 billion for the Army today after a fierce Whitehall battle against its American rival, the MIAI Abrams.

The decision to remain loyal to Vickers Defence Systems of Leeds, Britain's sole tank manufacturer, has been taken after an intense lobbying campaign, led by Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. Lord Young, who is well-

known to Vickers and Sir David Plastow, its chairman, has fervently supported the British tank because of the 10,000 jobs that would be put at risk if the American option had been chosen.

His campaign to buy Brit-ish, described last night as "a singular victory for Lord Young, was opposed by leading figures in the Ministry of Defence, including, it is believed, Mr Peter Levene, the chief of the procurement executive.

A significant number of Army chiefs had also made clear their preference for the Abrams tank.

But Lord Young told his Cabinet colleanes that a rejec-tion of the British tank, an upgraded version of the existing Challenger Mark I in service with the British Army of the Rhine in West Germany, would mean the end of Britain's heavy tank industry. If Challenger 2 were chosen,

he said, it could generate export orders worth up to £12 billion. The Pakistani Army which has tested the Abrams is now showing interest in the British tank.

The Cabinet's overseas and lefence committee, chaired by Mrs Thatcher, is expected to approve a proposal that Vickers must produce a Challenger 2 prototype within 12 months. Then a final assessment will be made between the Challenger 2 prototype and the M1A1 Abrams ("Block 2"), the version of the American tank being developed for Britain by General

in a year's time.

that the factory was on the company's list of possible

Kingston were full but refused to rule out possible closure at some time in the future.

any such considerations."

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MP acts to halt dumping

By Andrew Morgan

of an enforcement order against a developer who he claims has "ruined four centu-ries of English countryside".

By Frances Gibb

Barristers will be able to appear in

thousands of crown court cases without

the need to have a solicitor in attendance

under changes just agreed between the Lord Chancellor's Department, the Bar

The new rule, which could cut public

costs by millions when it is working fully

because one lawyer will be paid instead

of two, comes into force on February 1.

The deal has been hammered out after

months of negotiations by the Efficiency

Commission, which was set up between the Lord Chancellor's Department and

Last week the Law Society council agreed to amend its professional conduct

rules which at present require solicitors

to accompany barristers in hearings of

their clients' case in the crown court.

the two sides of the legal profession.

and the Law Society.

Raymond Brown Ltd., the developer, has allegedly dumped tons of excavated soil on ancient water meadows near the cathedral.

Servicemen were also angry when they heard that Americans had refused to stop that Wiltshire County Council officers last week for an

mission had been obtained.

He says the warning was ignored. The site, which is on private farmland and close to the meadows which Constable made famous in his cathedral painting has been disfigured,

wrote to the developer on explanation and was told that Nature Conservation.

An MP will today have talks December 9 asking it to stop an injunction was being held with local authorities in Salisdumping the earth, which until the Nature Conservancy bury to explore the imposition comes from a Tesco store Council had been consulted. development, until per- The land was still being worked yesterday.

Mr Key will today table a written Commons question on the number of enforcement orders taken against developers proceeding without proper permission.

North West Water Authority has sold two sites of special scientific interest near Bolton to Lancashire Trust for

A judgement that may decide the future of some of Britain's quietest and most beautiful stretches of water is to be

made in the High Court today. Mr Justice Vinelott is to decide whether a 40-mile stretch of the Derwent in North Yorkshire can be reopened for navigation. The decision will have

implications for many rivers and their use by commercial and pleasure craft. Conservationists and wild- interpreted to cover water. It

life campaigners have moun- is expected to define the legal

At the centre of legal argu-

ment heard by Mr Justice Vinctori during June and July the interpretation of the Rights of Way Act 1932. The judge is expected to rule whether the Act, normally in-

voked for footpaths, can be

against attempts to open up the use of rivers which pass over or by their land. over or by their land.

They fear that if they lose, damage to the river will be attempt eight years ago to start boat trips along the Derwent of local childrens' charities. Individuals and organizations who formed the Derwent Appeal fiercely resisted the move.

> The movement says the Derwent provides a natural habitat for a rare mix of freshwater crayfish, stoneflies, mayflies, dragon-flies, grouse, plovers and otters, which would be jeopardized. They tion remains valid.

ted an elaborate defence rights of landowners to restrict argue that the case will create a legal precedent and could lead to similar action by boaters on other rivers, followed by developments which would destroy the unspoilt character of the waterways. The navigation lobby, rep-

resented by the Yorkshire Derwent Trust, says victory would not mean an inevitable development of facilities.

Boaters used the river freely for centuries until 1935, when Parliament revoked the Navigation Act 1702. The High Court will rule if the revoca-

WHITEHALL BRIEF by David Walker

US advice on government reform to cure British disease

What reformers need - and wouldbe reformers of Whitehall most of all - is a sharp and public sense of a wrong to be righted. Civil Service reform is, at best, a minority pursuit and without some public recog-nition of a British problem" caused in part by inadequate men and machines in Whitehall, it usually escapes public attention.

But do the public think there is some problem in the way Britain is run? One of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's achievements has been to make the debate about the "British disease" a political test.

You can only believe in the persistence of some underlying set of themes to do with the management of the British economy (unwillingness to invest, lack of imagination among policy advisers) if you discredit Mrs Thatcher's

performance. To put it bluntly, to be a Whitehall reformer you have nowadays to be a dissident. That political fact of life is likely

to stifle in its cradle a renewed attempt to debate the structure and workings of the Civil Service signalled by the appearance of several new books. Mr Peter Hennessy's 850-page magnum opus on Whitehall is due out next month. Just the other week Walt Williams, an esteemed American professor, brought out Washington, West-minster and Whitehall, an attempt to import some lessons from the operations of the United States

Congress to Britain. Professor Williams, like Mr Hennessy, needs to call the demon of the "British disease" on stage before their respective dramas get going, Britain, he argues, cannot tackle big questions of macroeconomic policy (what happens when the oil runs out) or social restructuring (living with an under class) before it has modernized its

means of governing itself. He travels over well-trodden ground, including the idea of a cabinet of advisers for ministers, and decides that what Britain needs is stronger ministerial government. Perhaps it takes an American observer to suggest that government would be better if the office of prime minister were even more powerful than the present incumbent has made it.

But Professor Williams, perhaps thanks to his outside viewpoint, makes a connection which escapes many home-grown reformers: the mescapable consequences for parhamentary procedures of altering

the Civil Service and vice versa. Whitehall's ways will not radically change - however much progress the managerial revolution makes until the House of Commons ceases to be a toy-town debating chamber and becomes more of a full-blooded legislature, equipped (and motivated) to appraise policy in a more sophisticated spirit than Prime Minister's Question Time ever

The professor goes on to propose the abolition of Question Time together with the shift of much parliamentary business off the floor of the House into committees, whose members would become more expert, and suck in more policy advice. What he means is new ideas, or

rather more clever people who have

not been planed down into White-

hall smoothness who can say why the previous crop of bright ideas did not work. A minister in the present government, or indeed a permanent sec-retary, reading his book would be

mystified. Does Mrs Thatcher's Government really lack for "strategy", lack ideas for what it ought to do next, or lack the will to implement controversial policy? Patently not. Perhaps it is rather that Civil Service reform is a channel for those who in their hearts dislike politics, and for whom the "condition of Britain question" is a matter for public administrators rather than, as it properly is, something for combative ideologists.

Washington. Westminster and Whitehall (W Williams, Cambridge University Press; £25).

More cash is pledged for London transport Continued from page 1

notion that a new authority

safe and coherent transport policy for London and listed five areas on which he was concentrating. These were to increase the demand for rail transport; to

provide good routes around instead of through London; to improve existing roads through new technology. greater co-operation with borough councils and better use of devices such as traffic lights; to improve the major trunk roads in East London and those serving Docklands; and to tackle investment problems in key areas

Mr Tony Banks, chairman the London Group of

Labour MPs, claimed yesority for London and the terday that London's transport system was overloaded could cure the problem. He and overcrowded to the point was determined to achieve a where passengers lives were being put at risk. "The Government has failed to take any effective action and they've no strategy to deal with the crisis we face. They've spent £10 million on studies but haven't learnt lessons that are ob-

The Department of Transport has commissioned a study into the way new roads influence surrounding land use and vice-versa. It has asked Marcial Echenique and Partners, the Cambridge consultants, to produce a software package which should enable it to forecast much more accurately the likely usage of



Victim of knife gang offers £5,000 to trap 'scum of the earth'

A victim of an armed gang which is terrorizing the Surrey stockbroker belt told yes-terday of the ordeal he and his family have endured.

Mr Richard Napier, a retired toy company director, spoke as his son Timothy, aged 40, was recovering from multiple stab wounds in an and at exactly the same time, intensive care unit at East Surrey Hospital, Redhill.

A reward for the capture of the three men was increased yesterday to £25,000. Police said they could strike again. Det Chief Supt Vincent

McFadden, head of Surrey CID, said that police had been inundated with calls from the public and from criminals sickened by the gang's

More than 40 calls were made to the incident room in three hours on Saturday night and many suggested identities,

Senior detectives from Surrey and south London met at Reigate to co-ordinate the police response. The officers have drawn up

a list of 11 violent crimes, including a murder, a rape in Coulsdon and several aggravated burglaries, which the gang has carried out since September in Surrey, Kent and south London.

The three-man gang burst ato the Napier family's £500,000 country house in Oxted on Friday only hours after murdering a motorist. Mr Napier, aged 66, said: "I

I saw that there was a man holding a pistol. He ordered me out of bed and pushed me into my son Timothy's bed- he would shoot us if we did room. I then saw an opportunity to grapple with the man

my son did too. We managed to get out of the bedroom and on to the landing. It was then I realized there were another two men and I saw one of them draw a knife. My son and I carried on the tussle and somehow managed to force the three of them down the stairs.

"While this was all going on my son had been stabbed and he lost a lot of blood."

The gang then pushed Mr Napier upstairs and into the bedroom of his wife, Margaret, before ransacking the house while threatening the



Photofit of one of the men being hunted by police

was woken up from a deep terrified woman. His son sleep in the early hours by a dragged himself to a telephone light shining in my face. Then in the study downstairs and dialled 999.

"All the time the man with the handgun was shouting that not do what we were told". Mr Napier added.

After stealing many things from the house, the hooded attackers grabbed Mr Timothy Napier's car keys and fled from the mansion in Woodhurst Lane, Oxted, in his Toyota Corolla car.

They stopped at Fetcham, dragged a couple from their bed and ransacked their

Mr Napier said: "After they had gone, I went downstairs and took the phone out of my son's hand. He was unconscious. They were not a bit concerned about what they had done to my son. "I had a feeling that they were not expecting to be

grappled with and as soon as we did with one, the others came up and joined in." Mr Napier has put up £5,000 towards the £25,000 reward for any information leading to the three men's conviction. He said: "They

were ignorant and the scum of

the earth. The lowest of the

low. They should not exist." Police believe the gang could be high on drugs, flirting with the excitement of striking time and time again while

Kidnappers' scourge gets his reward

Max, the mongrel, which saved its schoolgirl owner from an attempted kidnapping, yesterday won the gold medal for lifesaving awarded each year by the Pro Dogs Charity founded by Miss Lesley Scott-Ordish.

Max from Kippax, West Yorkshire, was walking with Vicky Clark, aged 11, last September when two masked men leapt from a car and tried to grab her.

Max fought them off, allowing the girl to flee down an alleyway where the kidnappers could not follow in the car. Max arrived back at the family home some hours later with its coat matted with human blood, apparently from

The Pet of the Year award went to James, the corgi from the Queen's kennels which helped its new owner, Miss Daphne Slark, of Haverfordwest, Dyfed, to recover from a hip operation. The award also went to it for cheering up many of Miss Slark's fellow hospital

Miss Scott-Ordish said: "He was bred by the Queen who gives some of her dogs away to people in the interests of good bloodstock."

An award for devetion to duty went to Sammy the German shepherd dog which, in spite of losing its right eye, saved its owner, Bernadette Barton, of Uckfield, East Sussex, by placing itself between her and a ranaway stallion which went berserk during a riding trip.

Mrs Johanna Wothke, phose work for animals in Bavaria has led to the setting up of a sancinary, won a special award at the ceremony, held in Willesden, north-west



Vicky Clark, aged 11, with her pet mongrel, Max, which saved her from being kidnapped

Christmas flights

Staff flu adds to fears of long delays

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Sickness among air traffic controllers and bunching of flights has forced the Civil Aviation Authority to draw up plans for tough flow control on aircraft and raised fears of long delays this week.

An epidemic of colds and flu hampered the main air traffic control centre at West Drayton, with about 20 per cent of the staff absent at a time. Yesterday eight controllers out of 50 on two shifts reported sick and last week 16 were off on one day. One controller said: "Working in enclosed air-conditioned rooms has meant that the germs are spreading like wildfire".

There are no spare staff to meet the surge in demand for flights over the

Airlines are reporting big increases in demand for travel and many flights especially to Spain, Greece and the Caribbean - are already full. The aviation authority, which is not

Christmas period.

represented on committees planning flight schedules, is angry that many charter flights leave for the same destinations at the same time.

Luton airport, for example, has schednled six flights to Palma all leaving at 9am. At peak times, Gatwick airport has up to 58 flights scheduled in one hour while the maximum which can leave the single runway is 42 an hour.

Some flights will have to be delayed to the next hour, leading to a knock-on effect that could last for much of the day.

The growing use of non-stop trans-Atlantic flights from the West Coast of America has also meant that a wave of jumbo jets is arriving in Europe between 10am and 11am. Because the aircraft do not have the fuel reserves to wait for a landing slot they are diverted from the crowded airports and delaying passengers even longer.

The authority said Heathrow will handle more than 1,000 flights a day during Thursday and Friday and Gatwick between 550 and 600 a day. The flow management unit will have to apply restrictions on the number of aircraft it can handle."

British Airways will be putting on extra flights and expects to carry nearly 48,000 passengers on Friday alone. Late bookers are likely to be disappointed.

One of the busiest routes is expected to be to Ireland. Ryanair estimates it will carry more than 20,000 people and have scheduled nearly 100 additional flights between now and Christmas Day compared with last year.

Continental air traffic controllers predict long delays on routes to Spain. Once the Christmas rush is over, the

were told of its demise on problem of peak-time congestion will Saturday. switch to the weekends when ski Meanwhile the Warringtonholidays traditionally start. Hotels in based Messenger group of most resorts change over on Saturdays weekly newspapers, which while ski-lift passes run from weekend to

Tabloid loses £6.8m

Shah sets new sights on TV

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Mr Eddy Shah, unbowed by his second failure with a National Graphical Associanational newspaper within tion, has been sold to Reed International for £25 million. four years, spoke yesterday of his plans in television - and a Having presided over the

wish to help small businesses. disastrous launch of Today, The Post, launched as a his first foray into national downmarket tabloid for the newspapers, Mr Shah yesterday was philosophical about family, was on the streets for the latest setback. just five weeks and incurred losses of £6.8 million.

"These things happen. The Its daily circulation hovered market was wrong. It is as around 100,000, well below simple as that. We gave it a the necessary break-even sales figure of 370,000. Ninety "Yes, we had an awareness journalists on the newspaper

problem when we launched but we put that right with a big campaign. Sales went up but as soon as advertising stopped the market fell away again.

"I think the reason why originally brought Mr Shah to some papers like The Indepennational prominence during a dent have made ground is would be forthcoming.

prolonged dispute with the because more thinking people are actually more susceptible to change, whereas at the bottom end of the market they stick to what they know.

"You have got to be a lot more sleazy and go in with the dirt - and I am not prepared to do that.'

Mr Shah, who used to work for the BBC, now has his heart set on television. Messenger Television, which he set up earlier this year, has completed its first series for independent television, Capstick's Law.

Mr Lloyd Turner, editor of The Post, said last night he was trying to find a buyer for the newspaper but would not know for 24 hours if anyone

Released hostage enjoyed captivity

By Andrew McEwen Diplomatic Correspondent

A British cameraman held for 18 months by right-wing rebels in Mozambique flew home yesterday and said he

had enjoyed his captivity.
"I had a super time. The worst thing was coming back to all the traffic in London", Mr Nicholas della Casa, aged 28, said after being released in what the leader of the Renamo forces called a goodwill gesture.

Mr della Casa's idea of a 200d time was somewhat unusual. He had to run for his life when the rebel unit he was with was attacked by Zimbabwean troops, who are helping the Mozambican army, Twice more he had to move on quickly because of fighting in the area.

He seemed amused when asked if a tent had been provided for him to live in, having lived African-style in shelters made of local materials. Far from living rough, he thought it was comfortable.

"My only problem is that I am overweight from eating too much and exercising too little", he said.

While the British authorities considered him a hostage, Mr della Casa thought of himself as a prisoner. He said he was arrested as an illegal immigrant after entering what Renamo considered to be its territory in an attempt to make a documentary film.

He was not allowed to film what he saw, but made copious notes. Before leaving he met Mr Afonso Dhlakama, leader of Renamo, who has said that his release was "a gesture of goodwill".

Surgery offer to children as RAF gift

A health authority and the RAF have teamed together to give children in a deprived area who have been waiting for more than a year for operations a Christmas present of surgery at a military hospital.

Children with ear, nose and throat complaints will be taken in a bus from South Wales to the military hospital across the border in England for treatment to ease waiting

A senior RAF doctor was visiting the East Glamorgan Hospital at Church village near Pontypridd in Mid Glamorgan at the weekend to hold clinics and assess children who have been waiting for

Christian for college

By Our Education Reporter Christian businessmen on City Technology College along | emerged yesterday. fundamentalist lines.

The businesmen want to use St John Fisher School, Gateshead. The former Roman Catholic comprehensive. which closed last year, has been bought by the CTC Trust, the body set up by the Government to oversee its programme for the creation of 20 of the new colleges by 1990. The Gateshead CTC, teach-

ing a mixture of high technology and evangelical Christianity, would be the first of its kind in Britain. Approval is needed from Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

The projects so far launched are all for secular secondary schools specializing in science and technology.

Mr Cyril Taylor, chairman of the CTC Trust, said planning for the new college was well advanced. Mr Baker said: "I would not agree to an admission

policy to a CTC which was exclusive to one particular religion or a denomination". The project has attracted the support of Professor Brian Griffiths, head of the Prime

Minister's policy unit. But Dr Sheila Lawlor, deputy director of the Centre for Policy Studies, and a leading Roman Catholic lay person, said: "I think the idea of a CTC reserved for evangelical Christians is highly alarming".

Higher education funding

role sought Baker backs tuition charges

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, said there was no legal barrier to students being charged.

Tuition for all students has been free up to now but, on Friday, Sir John Kingman, vice chancelior of Bristol University, called for the right to charge fees to enable universities to expand without

cost to the taxpayer. Mr Baker, speaking on BBC television, said he would only approve a change from the present system if universities could devise acceptable bur-sary and scholarship schemes

in which we could actually expand our university, which is what Sir John Kingman is saying, I would want to look at that very seriously", Mr Baker

"I would want to be satisfied that if there were a system of part-payment of fees, that it did not discourage children from more disadvantaged backgrounds from going into higher education."

He accepted that the introduction of bursaries would involve means-testing students, but universities already had the power to introduce such fees if they wished.

The Government is willing to allow universities and poly-technics to charge students for sities come to us with schemes of Commons to stop universities. It would have to actually afford to pay fees. "If universities are Bill through the House of Commons to stop universities." Christian businessmen on technics to charge students for and say this is one of the ways in which we could actually wanted to", he said. A "think tank" working for

his department was already looking at two other methods for transferring some of the funding of higher education away from government, but he ruled out the introduction of a "graduate tax" similar to that being pioneered in Australia under which graduates paid a higher rate of tax to repay their tuition fees.

Mr Baker said he wanted to see a big expansion in the numbers of students in higher education and predicted that, next year, there would be more than one million stu-"I couldn't stop it happen- dents for the first time.

Sexism 'damages economy

In a report on Sexism in Schools, the association urges and confident, and boys are the Independent Schools Inteachers to ensure boys are not allowed to dominate their running a home, our sexist attention, either in the classroom or in the playground.

society will continue." It says boys are preventing away from science equipment girls from reaching their full and make more noise in potential in science and technology and thus depriving the classroom, girls take the role

ical space, of linguistic space and helping with their work.

Sexism in Schools. (Association of Educational Psychologists; 3 Sunderland Road, Durham DH1 21H; £2).

By Our Education Reporter tise."Boys' monopoly of phys- erasers and pencils for boys

Sexism in the classroom is

harming Britain's economic performance, the Association of Educational Psychologists said yesterday.

"Until girls are educated to be technologically competent

It says boys crowd girls

educated to participate fully in

and of teacher attention tend to restrict access to good quality skills training", the Physils at independent schools under the Assisted Places Scheme achieved a 90 Places Scheme achieved a 90 per cent pass rate at A level this year, the national average is 60 per cent. Statistics from formation Service also show that 66 per cent of assisted places pupils got passes at grades A and B at O level -

double the national average.

Plea for more collaboration on gene research

nation of much-needed exper- of wife and mother, providing

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

British scientists could lose their foothold in the most ambitious research project since man landed on the moon unless they collaborate more effectively. according to Dr Dai Rees, head of the

Medical Research Council. The warning issued by Dr Rees concerns the UK's contribution to the production of a complete map of the thousands of genes contained in each cell in the body.

Many scientists believe the key to curing cancer and hundreds of geneti-cally-based diseases and disorders depends on the venture.

The research council is spending £10

million, mainly through its Laboratory for Molecular Biology, at Cambridge, and another £10 million has been allocated through medical research foundations and charities, but an esti-mated £1 billion is needed to obtain the complete genetic bineprint. A recommendation to divide the work

between the world's leading research centres is contained in proposals from an international scientific workshop on the Human Genome Project. The United States has earmarked £500 million for research and in Europe Italy has launched a genome project. France has a modest national effort and Germany is planning one, but these are the only countries with dedicated nat-

splintered European is now being made by Dr Peter Pearson. He is producing a plan for the

European Community under the title of "predictive medicine". If it is agreed, it will provide about £15 million for a threeyear project and will extend work begun last year to produce blueprints for simple organisms, starting with yeasts. However, the techniques depend on basic discoveries by a few research centres led by the research council's Nabel prizewinning laboratories at Cambridge, the Genentech research group at San Fran-cisco, and teams at Stanford University, California, and the University of California in Los Angeles.

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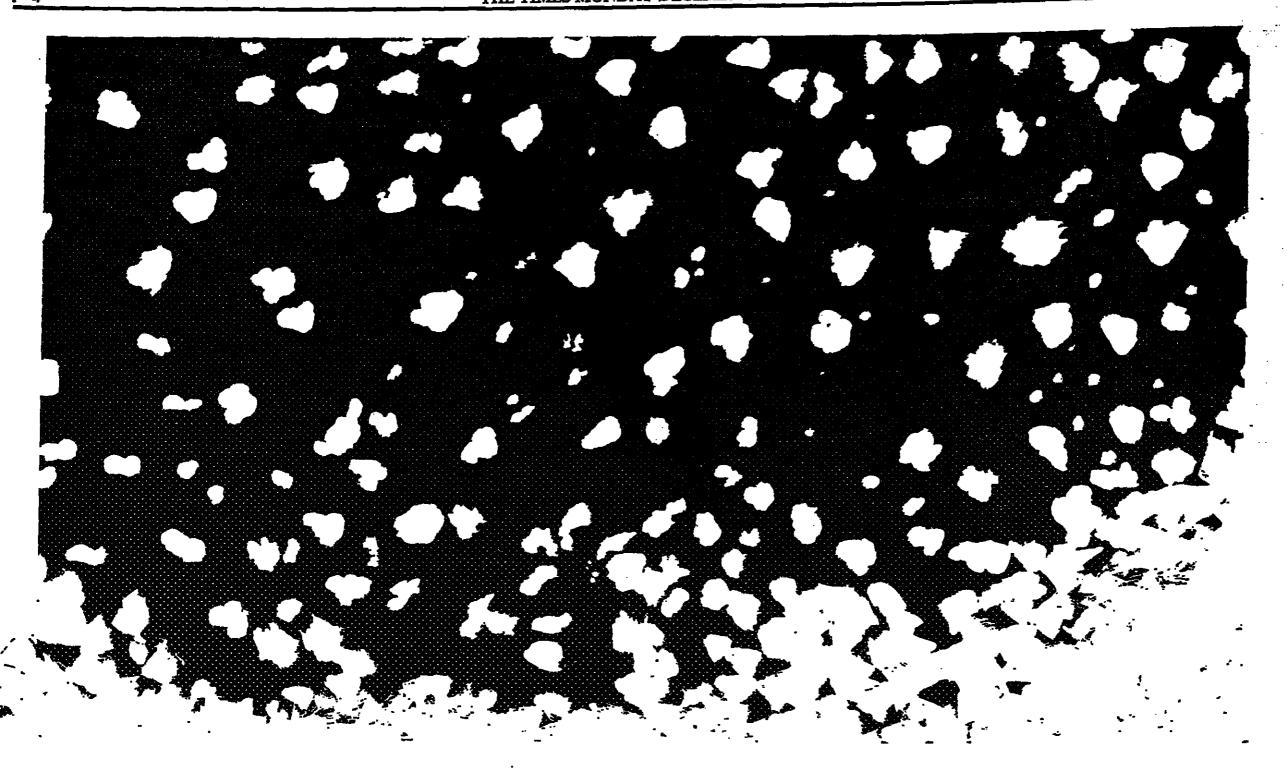
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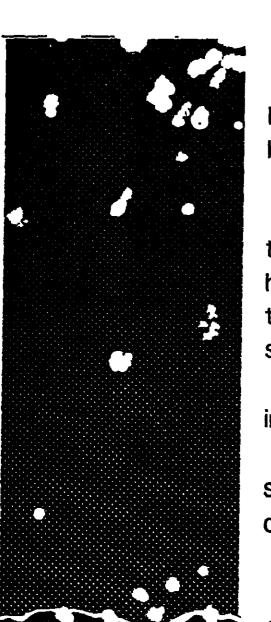
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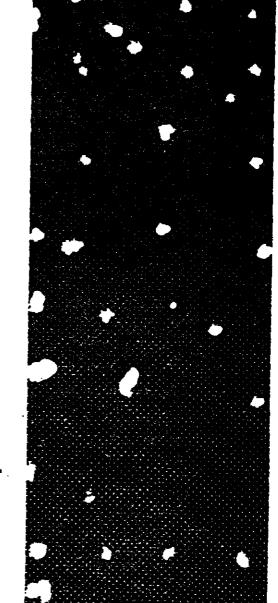
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Shock tactic to halt Aids has missed target, says expert

The shock tactic used in the Government's campaign to halt the spread of the Aids virus is failing to reach its from the Medical Research target, an expert meeting will Council for a scheme for be told in London today.

education programme has disclosed the difficulty of altering ingrained behaviour.

Scientists gathering for a special session of the annual London conference of the British Psychological Society. called to assess progress in coping with the Aids epidemic after eight years, will learn that some individuals are obstinate, some will never change, many do not believe themselves at risk and a large number need a lot of help.

The impact of a campaign based upon a message of fear and targeted particularly to drug users who inject themselves has been examined by Dr Lorraine Sherr, a clinical psychologist from the Roehampton Institute and St Mary's Hospital in London.

She has compared the effects of the posters and television advertisements on a also show that the best impact group of students and a group comes from designing of people at high risk of advertising campaigns that are

She found the advertisetargeted group of drug users.

Even in those who reported fear, they did little to change the disease. their behaviour in sexual practices or drug use.

On an international level, students felt there was no risk research from the United to them although about a third

e told in London today.

The Department of Health's ducation programme has disbe technically and economically effective. The proposal is

for anonymous testing for HIV of blood from those giving it voluntarily for other analysis. The department is considering a study involving testing of

of the powerful behaviours in the private world of drug addiction and sexual longing.

The American government is spending £300 million a year on public education. The greatest impact has occurred in San Francisco, which has experienced remarkable changes in behaviour among the homosexual community that was first ravaged in the west by the Aids epidemic.

American experience will contracting the virus, who are more narrowly targeted and attending a drug dependency carry information that has greater personal relevance.

In the British study, no one ments raised some anxiety in considered the campaign to be the students but less in the aimed at him or her, and both groups regarded themselves as having a low risk of acquiring

In fact, 42 per cent of drug users and 24 per cent of States will be presented to of both groups had a variety of show how little is understood sexual partners over the pre-

other studies will also be sium. The subjects include the problems of caring for Aids sufferers; there are the worried well, which comprises the large number who ask again three months to decide if a and again for HIV testing, large screening project would often when there is no risk; counselling for Aids sufferers; the needs of nurses for education; and an evaluation of a syringe exchange scheme.

The role of advertising in public education will be raised in a more relaxed session devoted to the psychology of wine appreciation.

The psychologists' seminar will be told that both the Prime Minister and Mr Neil Kinnock are skilful at dodging awkward questions from interviewers, but use different techniques to get off the hook.

Mrs Thatcher intimidates interviewers by attacking them, while Mr Kinnock uses tactics such as claiming that he has just answered a question, when he has just evaded it, a study of some of their television interviews has shown.

This may make him appear more evasive, although objectively there is no difference between the two politicians in this respect," researchers from York University's psychology department say.

The results show "substantial evasion by both politicians": the Prime Minister dodged 56 per cent of the questions, and Mr Kinnock 59 per cent, during eight interviews, and they found 31 different ways of doing so.

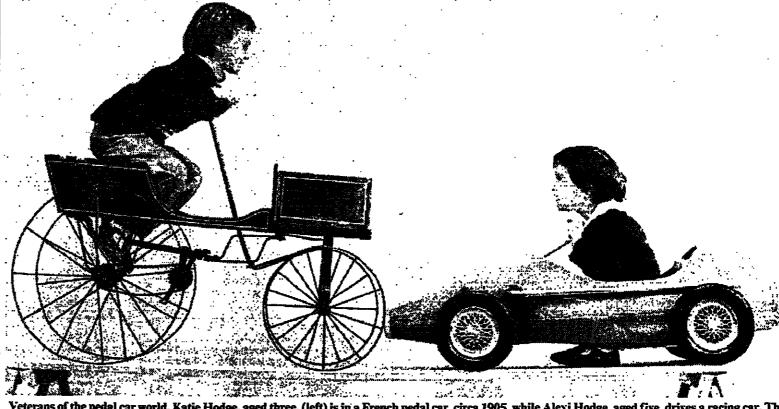
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The changes, intended to

April reduced levels of income

lowed in September by the withdrawal of income support from most young people

Sotheby's car sale off to a racing start



Veterans of the pedal car world. Katie Hodge, aged three, (left) is in a French pedal car, circa 1905, while Alexi Hodge, aged five, drives a racing car. These are two of the lots on offer at Sotheby's, Billingshurst, West Sussex, tomorrow, when the Shaun Magee Collection of Pedal Cars and Toys comes under the hammer. Price estimates range from £25-£40 for an early scooter to £4,000-£6,000 for a Harrington three-seater motor coach dating from the 1950s.

Crime risk 'in benefit changes'

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Concern is mounting that changes to the social security system will put more young people into custody and affect those who are homeless.

A warning by Prince Edward on Friday about the plight of the 30,000 people aged 16 to 19 sleeping rough in London is underlined by one issued today by Action against Youth Crime.

increase young people's self-reliance, would have the opposite effect, the group says.
The leading organizations

involved in Action on Youth Crime are directly concerned nationally with the welfare of young people. Social security changes in

support for young people, the group says. Those changes were fol-

Motorway repairs

Channel link with national network

Work starts next month on the first of two contracts to fill a gap in the M20 between Maidstone and Ashford, Kent. When completed the motorway will provide an unbroken 50-mile link from the Channel-tunnel and Folkestone to the M25 and the national motor-

way network. The first contract, for a 71/2mile stretch costing £39.4 million, has been let to Costain Civil Engineering. Roadworks until next Monday

Scotland M8 Strathchyde: westbound en-

try slip at jn 14 (Glasgow) closed; signed diversions.Offpeak lane restrictions on all approach roads to jn 29 (Paisley). M8 Lethian: contrassow at jn 3 (Livingston) because of re-surfacing, expected to be com-

pleted tomorrow.

M9 Central: outside lane closed southbound at jn 9 (Bannock-burn); temporary lights north of

Midlands M5 Hereford and Worce contraflow between jns 4 and 4a (A38/M42). M63 Gtr Manchester: northbound lane closures between jns 1 and 3 (M62/Barton); contraflow between jns 3 and 6 M62 Gtr Manchester: contra-

flow between jns 21 and 22 (A640/A672).
M62 W Yorks: contraflow between jns 24 and 25 (Huddersfield/A644) for construction of crawler lane; long delays at peak times.
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and 26 (A370/A38).

M4 Gwent: contraflow eastbound between jns 22 and 23
(Chepstow/Magor).

M4 W Glamorgan: lane restrictions eastbound between jns 46
and 45 (A4067/Swansea); delays

Guide for GPs on reports

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

help patients to make full use on January 1. The BMA supof laws giving them the right ports the legislation which piled for employment or insurance purposes.

The British Medical Association yesterday said it was ered by private medical insurissuing guidelines for family doctors on the Medical Re-

Doctors are being urged to ports Act which becomes law reports requested by insurance firms or potential employers. The number of people cov-

health care rose by 13 per cent to £909 million, according to a to see medical reports com- means patients can challenge directory published today.

The publication, edited by Mr William Laing, a health care consultant, shows the rise in medical insurance was double the average increase between 1982 and 1986.

Fears over misuse of poll tax details

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

Local authorities have been asked by the Department of the Environment to report early in the new year on their progress in preparing for the introduction of poll tax.

Special attention is being paid to arrangements for preventing the misuse of information gathered by poll tax officials after allegations that the law

allows up to 50 separate items of personal information to be collected. Mail order firms might find other uses for detailed personal information available through poll tax lists. The Department of the Environment recently outlined tough restrictions on public

access to the register. Officials in the department are anxious to learn of progress being made by the inner London boroughs. Council treasurers from both Labour and Conser-

vative London boroughs say they fear the changes cannot be made by the Government's deadline of April 1, 1990. Evidence is accumulating of a sharp rise in the indebtedness of low income council and housing association tenants. The Association of Metropolitan Authorities, in a survey of 28 of its councils, shows arrears have increased by more than a third since the Government's social security package introduced in April cut housing benefit supports.

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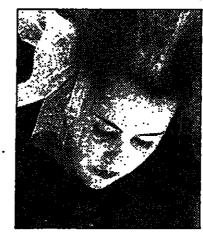




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Doveish Gorbachov leaves America looking for someone to hate

Senator John Tower enters office as the newly appointed Defence Secretary in the Bush Administration at one of the Pentagon's most difficult peacetime junctures. Its budget has all but run out. Not only will costly weapons systems ordered in the fat years have to be trimmed or delayed, but some will have to be cancelled, the \$68 billion (£37.5 billion) Stealth bomber programmes being the most likely victim.

most mery victim.

But it is not only the lack of money that will compel Mr Tower to reverse his old big-spending instincts. Since President Gorbachov's visit to the United Nations, there has been a new urgency to rethink strategic policy. The Pentagon, along with all Western defence ministries, is feeling the intense pressure of public opinion that has begun to question the need for a continued defence build-up. Mr Gorbachov's uni-lateral offer of troop withdrawals, his brief but charismatic tour of New York and, with dramatic juxtaposition, the terrible earthquake in Armenia have changed US thinking about the Soviet

Union more rapidly and pro-foundly than any politicians could have foreseen. The spontaneous outpouring of American grief, sympathy, money and aid for the earthquake victims is but one striking result.

Striking result.

To many Americans, the new Soviet humanity in dealing with this catastrophe, as well as President Gorbachov's offer of an end to ideological conflict and the removal of the Soviet bogey from regional conflicts — with consequent breakthroughs in Angola and Afghanistan, Cambodia and possibly even the Middle East — have held out a new vision of hope. And in response, many hope. And in response, many people are voicing a sentiment that may be the greatest challenge to US military policies since the Cuban missile crisis: surely it is time to end the Cold War.

Mr Gorbachov has called on the West to abandon the notion of the Soviet adversary and see instead a cordial, if not necessarily friendly, competitor in what he called "a fair rivalry of ideologies". The invitation has greater appeal to Western public opinion than any

previous Soviet "peace initiative". Whatever the warnings of Mr Caspar Weinberger, the former Defence Secretary, and other conservatives that "it is far too early to change course", and "the jury has barely left the countroom on Gorbachov", most people think it is time to end, or at least slow down, the vast apparatus of

institutionalized hostility. They ask why it is that, if the Cold War is over, it is still being fought, and question whether the US still needs to increase its crippling expenditure on ever more deadly weapons.

The truth is that Mr Gorbachov's proposed military cuts and his offer of a superpower con-dominium, with the ideology removed, immensely complicates US policy. It asks President-elect George Bush to cross a threshold of belief and trust into a mire of domestic argument over America's commitments and world role. It throws out of the window the assumptions of the past 40 years that have bound Nato together, transformed nationalism in Westem Europe into a common puragainst a clearly perceived threat. It leaves dead in the water arguments for the build-up of conventional forces, which the US has been urging on the reluctant Europeans. And it makes the Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars), the Stealth bomber, and other technological toys seem as

Washington View By Michael Binyon

essential to defence as a mink coat is to keeping warm. Strong arguments are, therefore, being made that the Cold War has not, in fact, ended. US conservatives have taken the unusual position of publicly disagreeing with Mrs Thatcher, saying her declaration that the war was over was wishful thinking. They argue that the West has to keep up its guard until the vaunted new Soviet defensive military posture leads to real cuts on the ground, to press home its ideological offensive until the alliance has clearly won on its own terms. Mr George Shultz, the

wait-and-see view by insisting that it all depended on what one meant by the Cold War. And many people ask whether the Soviet military will go along with the Gorbachov proposals, and whether he will be ousted along with his grandiose ideas.

But even if such sensible caution were rewarded with results. many people doubt whether the US is ready for radical re-structuring of the postwar world. It would have to exercise a different kind of leadership, where the challenge would be economic and not military security. As Charles Krauthammer, a conservative columnist, put it: "Ironically, the decline of the Soviet threat might impair the solidarity, and arrest the integration, of the West. Nations need enemies. Take away one, and they find another. This is not so much a psychologi-cal principle as a political principle. Parties and countries need mobilizing symbols of 'otherness' to energize the nation and give it

cow to play the role of enemy. The Chinese have long ago moved out of that camp. The Arabs, still regularly vilified in popular thinking, were never seen as a security threat, only a terrorist nuisance.

The "ugly friends" - Chile, South Korea, the Philippines - are changing, and only South Africa remains a real villain. But that is still not on a global scale.

There is no one against whom the US can define itself. Mr Graham Fuller, a former CIA official said recently: "I don't know what we will do without the Soviet Union as a touchstone for Third World policy." Another columnist noted that, with the Kremlin boasting that military capacity was being given over to consumer goods, "it is not easy to loathe an enemy who is beating his swords into pantyhose".

How the US converts its mili-

tary capacity into a real assault on drugs, homelessness and the decaying city fabric is also a challenge that most politicians here would rather not face. But they do recognize that, as the

Russians fade in popular "enemy last "Rambo" film - the seeds of a new cold war are growing. This time the war is economic, and the enemy undoubtedly Japan. Economic nationalism, as Mr Richard Gephardt found during the presidential election campaign, is powerful force already in

It is not an easy war in which the

US can engage or for which Mr Tower can re-order the military: there are no moral guidelines or underlying values. Old allies are not so reliable — already America is beginning to see a strengthened European Community as a chall-enge, not a fellow fighter. A multipolar world, with the five powers — the Soviet Union, China, Europe, Japan and Amer-ica — changing their relationships is more complex for Washington to manage than the bipolar confrontation of the postwar era. But this is the challenge Mr Gorbachov threw down. Mr Bush and Mr Tower must do some hard thinking and make painful de-cisions in response.

Palestinians maintain pressure for change as Israel battens down the hatches

PLO will appoint exile government early in new year

anization plans within the fought the war will make the suffocate us."

next three months to follow up peace," he declared.

Mr Abedits declaration of an independent state with the appoint- in the fluent English he used in ment of a provisional government-in-exile designed to increase diplomatic pressure for the convening of an inter-national Middle East peace outlined in detail the opening

Mr Yassir Abed-Rabbo, the dialogue, the first for 13 years. PLO executive committee member who led the delegation to last Friday's historic talks with the US Administration, said: "The differences over the creation of the government of Palestine are almost all overcome, and we will be appointing a broadbased government from all the PLO groups, ranging from Muslims to Marxists, within two to three months."

Mr Abed-Rabbo, a member of the left-wing Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), said in a 60minute interview that the decision to press ahead with because of the greater than expected response to the November 15 proclamation of a Palestinian state.

A number of Arab countries, including Tunisia, Iraq and Algeria have offered to provide the headquarters for the new government, but many Palestinians would like it clear that differences over to see it in Cairo.

Senior Israeli sources in the Egyptian capital said that any such move would cross a "red line" which could seriously endanger the future of the 1979 peace treaty.

Mr Abed-Rabbo, a fast rising star inside the PLO, said the new government would include absentee members things like Sinai to offer when from the Israeli-occupied they talked peace. We have west Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Palestine Liberation Org- Israel. "Those who have go naked. The Israelis will peace," he declared.

Mr Abed-Rabbo, speaking the 90-minute meeting with Mr Robert Pelletreau, the US Ambassador - dispensing stages of the US-Palestinian

"In military terms, it was more like a reconnaissance with both sides outlining basic positions," he explained.

question of bilateral negotiations between us or other Arab countries and the Israelis was out of the question. The negotiating has to take place

Moscow — The Soviet Union has welcomed the start of contacts between the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization, saying they offer a possible breakthrough for peace in the Middle East (Reuter reports). in yesterday's Prarda urged Israel to reassess its attitude.

in the context of an international conference."

Although the US Embassy here has tried to keep details wraps, Mr Abed-Rabbo made the way that future negotiations might be conducted were already proving to be key sticking points.

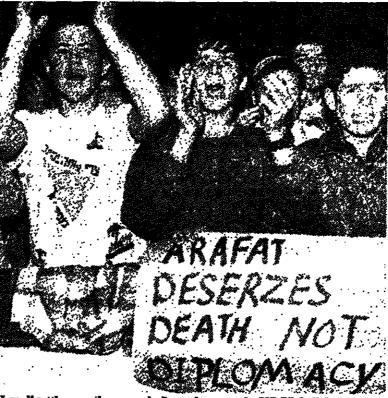
"We told them we reject entirely the idea of a bilateral solution, which appeared to be what they now favour. We are not Egypt, Arafat is not Sadat. The Egyptians had many He implied that there would ordinate on an Arab level and be no attempt to limit it to go into talks without the those who might prove accept- presence of Western Europe able negotiating partners for and the Soviet Union, we will work for the conference.

Mr Abed-Rabbo revealed that his organization had used the meeting to formalize demands for the Reagan Administration to deal even-handedly with Israel.

"We told them they must take equal action against state terrorism of the type which happened on Friday, when five Palestinians in Nablus were shot dead in cold blood," that up with a formal letter to "We made it clear that the the US Administration. They cannot expect us to give piedges about renouncing terrorism and not at the same time impose similar conditions on Israeli military

Mr Abed-Rabbo implied that Mr Pelletreau had been taken aback by the detailed PLO position on the subject. When we put the point to him about imposing the same restraints on Mr (Yitzhak) Shamir (the Israeli Prime Minister) as are imposed on "But there was no doubt he took the logic of the point."
Mr Abed-Rabbo, born in the port of Jaffa which he left in 1948, and educated in economics at universities in Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon, is typiof the conversation under cal of the new breed of wraps, Mr Abed-Rabbo made smooth, articulate PLO front men whose diplomatic skills bear the trade-mark of effect-

ive tutelage from Moscow. He outlined the PLO's blueprint for maintaining the remarkable momentum of the last few weeks in the Middle East, saying that delegations were now being dispatched to Western Europe and the Soviet Union to press for further action on the Franco-Soviet initiative to convene a committee of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, including Britain, to prepare ground-





orne vesterday as Palestinians demonstrate support for it at Beit Sahur in the West Bank.

Israelis divided over response to Arafat

Bank grew yesterday after a urday that the PLO would still weekend of violence, Israel's attack Israeli military targets, two main parties in the caretaker coalition — Likud and labour — emerged from a heroic intifada". He added:

Cabinet meeting with divisions over how to respond to the until the Palestinian flag is heighted over formed by a large large large and the large l long Arab intifada (uprising) and the diplomatic success of the Palestine Liberation Organization after the renunciation of terrorism last week in Geneva by Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman.

Some senior Labour officials said that, after the American decision to open direct talks with the PLO, PLO-Israeli talks should begin to defuse the unrest and

seek peace. But Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud Prime Minister, and Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour Defence Minister, vowed to crack down on violent protest and bitterly attacked the United States for beginning talks with PLO officials in Tunis on Friday.

To prove that the PLO has not changed, Israeli officials point to a statement by Mr Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), who

As the death toll on the West said in Abu Dhabi on Satattack Israeli military targets, statement likely to justify the Israelis' worst fears.

> Labour officials said Likud had hardened its position over the weekend not only over the intifada but also on other key coalition issues, such as the building of new Jewish settlements on the West Bank, the distribution of portfolios, and proposed defence cuts to give further funding to the religious parties, which gained support in the general election of

With little prospect at the ment of a renewed Likud-Labour government of national unity, Mr Shamir reopens talks today with religious party leaders on forming a government without Labour, which is led by Mr Shimon Peres, the doveish Foreign Minister.

Diplomats said a right-wing Mr Shamir: Reopening talks reported. government including the re-

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem would support his hard line. Yesterday Labour ministers Palestinian uprising. proposed local self-govern-

Palestinians, with Israel re-Likud figures such as Mr Moshe Arens, tipped as a American state terror and successor to Mr Peres as Foreign Minister, favoured the idea, but sources said Mr Shamir was against it.

Israeli leaders reacted angrily over the weekend to the US decision to open talks with



move had encouraged the

what they called PLO and urging Mr Shamir to appoint the hardline ex-soldier, General Ariel Sharon, as Defence Minister in a new coalition.

On Saturday, shopkeepers in the occupied territories and east Jerusalem began a threeday strike in protest against an incident at a funeral in Nablus on Friday when Israeli troops opened fire on demonstrators. killing five Arabs and wound-

ing over 25 others. Mr Rabin declared that Israeli troops would use "an iron fist" to quell the intifada which has so far claimed 350 lives, all but 13 of them Palestinian Arabs.

Yesterday an Arab youth was shot dead near Tulkarm when he tried to throw a concrete block from a rooftop at Israeli forces, Israel radio

Two more Arab youths were extreme enemy".

throwers, the Army said. In More than 1,000 Liked Haifa, an attempt was made to ment for West Bank and Gaza supporters staged a rally in the set a synagogue on fire in Palestinians, with Israel recentre of Jersualem over the apparent retaliation for an taining security control. Some weekend calling for an end to earlier arson attack on a local

The Chief Rabbi in Haifa said it would be a serious matter if all holy places in Israel bad to be guarded. The Palestinian strike has all but closed down Bethlehem, which is on the West Bank, and Christmas celebrations are expected to be low-key.

"I am afraid there is not much peace and good will about this Christmas season," one Western diplomat here

At the weekend, Mr Shamir accused Washington of accepting the principle of a Palestinian state alongside Is-rael and said Washington's move was "a very serious test" for Israeli-American relations. He said the US had fought against terrorism, yet was in

contact with "the organization that is the standard-bearer of world terror and Israel's most

ity towards Cuba and starts accept-

ing some of Dr Castro's overtures of

recent months. But Mr George Bush has not sparked optimism here with

a recent description of the island as a

Next to come home, say the experts, will probably be the Ethio-

pian contingent. Moscow is said to

have privately warned President

Mengistu that he had one last

chance to defeat the Eritrean and Tigre rebels and that Soviet aid

would be cut drastically should he

The Kremlin has provided the logistics and support for the Cuban

forces everywhere. Angola was the

most ambitious venture, but they

have also been stationed in Ghana,

According to the Pentagon, there

"corrupt Communist regime".

WORLD ROUNDUP

Hopes fade of Waite release

West Beirut - Hopes for the early release of Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, and other foreign hostages held in Lebanon faded dramatically at the weekend after the country's most influential Shia Muslim leader said he had given up efforts on their behalf because of a total lack of progress (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

Brief remarks to Beirut's al-Liwa newspaper by Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadiallah, regarded as the spiritual guide of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God), were published 24 hours after the Christian Voice of Lebanon radio station said it had obtained information that two Westerners held hostage would be freed before Christmas.

• GENEVA: Mr Peter Winkler, the Swiss International Red Cross delegate, returned home yesterday after his release in Lebanon on Friday from a month's captivity at the hands of an unidentified dissident Palestinian group.

Tibetans in protest

Peking — More than 70 Tibetan students marched through central Peking yesterday in protest at the shooting of at least one Tibetan by police in Lhasa last week (Catherine Sampson writes). According to the official news agency Arnhua, they were "dissuaded" by police from demonstrating in Tiananmen Square. The students had not applied to the police for permission to stage a demonstration, but there were no reports of arrests, and they were taken back to their cellege in buses laid on by the authorities. A foreign journalist was held by police for two hours, but not arrested.

Fraud with no regrets

Washington - Mr Lyndon LaRouche, aged 66, the maverick political extremist found guilty on Friday of 13 counts of mail fraud, denounced his conviction as a "gross, disgusting, chscene miscarriage of justice", and said he felt no remorse for swinoling about £18 million out of investors (Michael Binyon writes). "Why should I?" he said at a news conference. "I didn't do anything wrong." The trial was "an effort by the Government to kill him" once he was in jail. Mr LaRouche faces a maximum of 65 years in prison and \$3.2 million in fines. Six associates face lesser penalties.

Cubans come marching home to mixed feelings President Reagan's ferocious hostil-

From Charles Bremner

There were no evident celebrations in Havana over the weekend at the impending return of 50,000 service-

men from the African conflict.

News of the Brazzaville accords with Angola and South Africa was relegated to a brief official agency dispatch in Granma and the other newspapers.

Despite the presence of President

Dos Santos of Angola in Havana to thank the Cubans for their 14 years of "internationalist" military help, bringing the boys home is at best a mixed blessing for President Castro. Government officials have been emphasizing the withdrawal as the satisfying conclusion to a painful but necessary mission. "It is a good thing," said one Foreign Ministry man. "I don't think it's a victory for Cuba, it's a victory for humanity." A tribute by President Castro to

the homecoming troops was relegated on Friday to the end of a report on a plenary session of the Communist Party Ceutral Committee. He said: "Thus one of the most glorious pages in our history has come to a successful end."

Many non-Communist diplomats here see the withdrawal as the result of Soviet pressure on a reluctant President Castro. The end to an African adventure launched under Brezhnev is more the result of President Gorbachov's understanding with the Americans to curb regional wars than the fruit of Cuban

achievement. From several points of view. including the maintenance of President Castro's influence on the world stage, it has not hurt Cuba to maintain its expeditionary armies. "Gorbachov wants them out and

Private citizens say word of the accord spread quietly in Cuba, stirring widespread relief, particularly among parents, that the country was ending its long, far-flung engagement. "It was so remote, so ' said a waitress in an Havana

The consensus among diplomats is that popular resentment has mounted as the foreign adventures have dragged on. According to General Rafael Del Pino, a senior officer who defected to the US last year, many Cuban field commanders saw Angola as a "dead-end street". But at the same time, Cubans appear to take pride in what they are encouraged to believe is their part in a morally just crusade against "imperialism", a cause they are told enjoys widespread inter-

Until President Castro suddenly

South Africa and Angola have agreed to withdraw support for

guerrillas in their respective com-

tries as part of the Namibian

independence settlement, according

to authoritative South African

The informal understanding was an integral, though unstated, ele-

ment of the peace plan signed in Brazzaville last week. Under it,

South Africa will end direct military

support for Units, the Angolan rebel

movement, and Angola will close

insurgent bases of the African

hailed the triumph of Cuban arms this year, little was known of the foreign war. Officially, casualties were no higher than 1,000 among the 300,000 troops who had seen service in Angola and most of those were said to be the result of accidents and disease. Foreign estimates put casualties higher but not a great deal.

Service in Angola or Ethiopia, where there are still an estimated 10,000 Cubans, is seen as a route to success in other fields. Returning veterans are guaranteed priority in everything from obtaining housing to good jobs.

For the professional classes, "internationalist" service on the curriculum vitae is often the key to prestigious careers and foreign travel. For Cuban girls, the best catch is a veteran of the Africa

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

National Congress on its territory.

Security sources believe this will be

Luanda keeps its part of the bargain.

Neither side has publicly con-firmed the deal, but an authoritative

source said it effectively committed

them to ending support for any

action or movement directed against

Preteria now anticipates an

intensified war of attrition in An-

gola, unless the MPLA Government

Troops kill police: Two South

opens a dialogue with Unita.

the other's security,

severe setback for the ANC, if

campaign. Above all, the "heroic" Cuban

served a crucial role at a time of deepening domestic economic crisis. Along with the aggressive rheto-ric of the Reagan Administration, it has furnished the background for the country's constant war footing. Shortages of everything from local fruits to meat, consumer goods and fish can be pinned on the need to secure the revolution from imminent Yankee invasion at home and from imperialism abroad in the Third World.

War slogans abound in the colour-ful shabbiness of Havana. "Father-land or Death" says the sign over a cinema. "In war or peace, communications must go through," says the slogan over the Telephones and Telegraph Ministry.

All this will be a little harder to sustain now that Moscow has lost its interest in bringing Marx to the

(Ray Kennedy writes).

Algeria, Guinea-Bissau, South Yemen, Syria and elsewhere. are now 250,000 Cubans under arms and another 1.5 million in militia

It could become harder still if the involvement in foreign causes has Bush Administration drops some of

The incident occurred last Wed-

nesday but has not been officially

reported. The police and the South

African Defence Force confirmed it

to reporters at the weekend.

units. Only Brazil, with 13 times Namibia pact is setback for ANC Cuba's population, has comparable forces. Another comparison the Pentagon likes to make is with Canada, which has 114 battle tanks. The Cubans maintain 950. "Cuba has developed an extraordinary African policemen were shot dead by capacity to influence events in white troops in Soweto, outside Johannesburg, when they walked distant lands," said a State Depart-

ment report this year. into an ambush set for ANC Cuba is expected to keep its guerrillas, it was disclosed yesterday several thousand personnel in Nicaragua for some time to come, despite A black police informer was also Washington's abandonment of the killed and a third policeman seri-Contras. ously wounded in a gun battle between the troops and the police.

In a conflict close to home, the Cubans are less costly to Moscow, both politically and economically, and they provide useful visible evidence of Soviet support at a time when Moscow's largess is likely to turn into a fond memory.

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Moscow turns to rebuilding towns devastated by Armenian quake

Despite assurances given at the end of last week that the rescue work in Armenia would continue for another 10 days, the Politburo commission directing the relief effort has announced that the first stage of the operation has ended, and the second stage - rebuilding and repairing the devastated areas - is to begin.

The authorities are quoting forecasts of a sharp drop in temperature in the region in an attempt to persuade women, children and elderly people to be evacuated. Glowing accounts of the facilities that await them in rest homes, sanatoriums and children's holiday homes are appearing in the press and on television. Although 40,000 people are said to have been evacuated already, there are also reports that relatives of victims have insisted on staying until the ruins of their houses have been excavated.

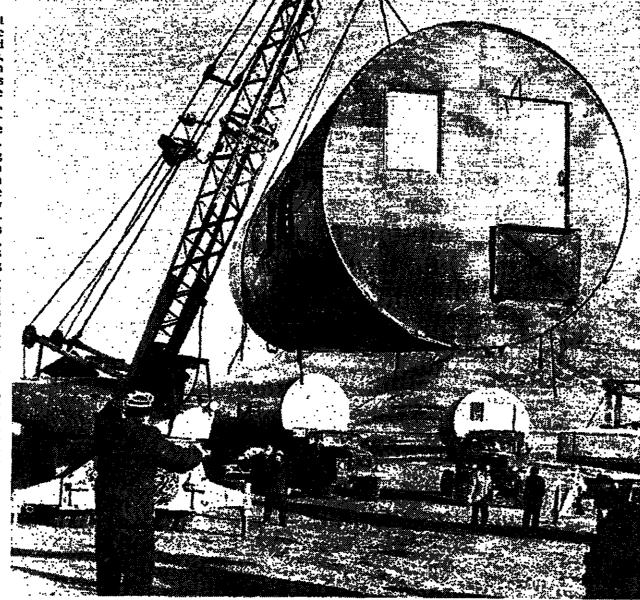
On Saturday only one per-on was found alive, in

Rome (Reuter) — The Pope called for special prayers this Christmas for the children made homeless by the earthquake in Armenia when he blessed crib figures of the infant Jesus in St Peter's Suppress vectories. He total Square yesterday. He told hundreds of local school children to pray "for the children who have lost their homes".

Leninakan, and 89 more bodies were recovered. The total number of dead now stands at 23,390. The figure includes 30 people who died in hospital of their injuries. More than 15.000 have been rescued alive. The official estimate of the death toll remains 55,00.

As international rescue teams begin to leave the disaster zone, to be replaced by specialist investigators and seismologists, the Soviet authorities are becoming increasingly fulsome in their praise of foreign help. Newspaper reports have also remarked on the superiority of foreign equipment, including ultrasound devices, and on their trained dogs — the Soviet Union has only mountain rescue dogs.

On Saturday, the head of the League of Red Cross and hearts, not because there was Red Crescent societies was nothing they could do. but



the Politburo commission, to

received by the Soviet Prime because they knew they could have done more. kov, in his capacity as head of The Deputy Foreign Min-

convey Soviet thanks. The previous day, Mr Ryzhkov had taken a Foreign Ministry official to task for the lack of reception facilities, interpreters and co-ordination in the disaster area and accused ministry officials of sitting comfortably in Moscow compiling statistics when they should have been in Armenia. As a result, he said, some foreign aid teams were

returning home with heavy

ister in charge of the min-istry's efforts, Mr Valentin Nikiforov, responded to the criticism the following day on TV from his "operational headquarters" in Moscow.

Surrounded by young cism touched a sensitive people inputting data into nerve. computer terminals, Mr Niki- Saturday was a normal forov said his office was logging all foreign aid teams in to the country and recording going to the disaster fund. what they brought and what their requirements were. He said the reason only 15 interin the first instance was month still needed clothes, the

The first of 50 prefabricated homes being unloaded at Spitak. They will house construction workers rebuilding the town. because only 15 had been People's Daily said yesterday

asked for. The greater prominence being given in the Soviet media to Moscow's gratitude for foreign assistance, combined with Mr Nikiforov's television appearance, sug-gests that Mr Ryzhkov's criti-

working day in Moscow and other cities, with the proceeds lion victims of an earthquake

● PEKING: Nearly one milthat devastated a remote area preters were sent to Armenia of south-west China early last

(Reuter reports). The party newspaper said that despite a massive relief effort more than 900.000 people in the quake-hit region near the Burmese border urgently needed clothes. Nearly all the two and a half million victims of the November 6 quake were dependent on state handouts for grain.

The quake, registering 7.6 on the Richter scale, killed at least 730 people and destroyed about 400,000 houses.

Domestic and foreign relief efforts have sent about £5 million, 32,500 tonnes of grain and much medical equipment. **Japanese-Soviet relations**

Shevardnadze visit offers Tokyo chance of thaw

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

But if Mr Shevardnadze and

enough to enable both of them

to move forward an inch

making progress in another

Tokyo — Four Japanese whal-

ing ships have sailed for the

Antarctic to catch 300 minke

whales under a research pro-

gramme that has been con-

demned by conservationists

and led to a threat of US trade

sanctions (Joe Joseph writes).

ficials yesterday were strug-gling to win US blessing for

the voyage. America, which has voiced many strong com-plaints about Japan's whaling

policy, had threatened to bar

imports of Japanese fish prod-

endangered species - an owl

and an eagle - were found on

To recognize them as Soviet

birds would have been to

recognize Moscow's sover-

eignty over their habitat. But

now a formula has been found

that skirts round the more

sensitive points and enables

Professor Hiromi Teratani,

Gakuin University, Tokyo,

Minister who, says Professor

Taratani, "is a little more

pragmatic and realistic than

the treaty to be ratified.

acts if the fleet sailed.

the disputed islands.

Japanese government of-

without losing face.

than Japan needs Moscow.

The current visit to Tokyo by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, will date being set for President Gorbachov to follow next year and become the first Soviet Moscow and Tokyo agree that a swift solution is unlikely.

leader to set foot in Japan. The chances of success are still far from rosy. Mr Shevardnadze begins talking in a new, slightly fuzzier this morning to Mr Sosuke vocabulary, that might be Uno, his Japanese counterpart, and has until Wednesday to find a way to quicken the tempo of their grudging waitz to peace. The two sides, after glowering at each other for 43 years over their rival claims to a set of tiny islands off northern Japan, now in Soviet possession, are hopeful but cautious. Both are uncertain which country has the stron-

ger card to play. Moscow is desperate for a helping hand from Tokyo, especially in loans and cooperation in developing the wastelands of Siberia. More broadly, Mr Gorbachov is keen to advance the Soviet Union as a Pacific power. Since his speech at the Far Eastern port of Vladivostok in July, 1986, he has made it clear that he wants to woo Asia and hinted at a future

Japan, meanwhile, is beginning to look and feel like the odd man out as the only main capitalist power maintaining unfriendly relations with Moscow. Officially, the reason it refuses to thaw and laughs at the idea of signing a peace treaty is the Kremlin's refusal to hand back the four islands occupied since 1945 - or even to acknowledge that their ownership is unresolved.

But beneath the surface, what irks Tokyo is that it feels snubbed. It resents the way that the Soviet Union treats it as a second-class power despite the economic and political strides it has made.

Japan knows that, finally, it has a big enough carrot to lure the Kremlin. Certainly, it wants to do more business with the Soviet Union and it is slightly anxious that aggressive South Korea might plunder the Russian market first. But Tokyo also feels that Mr Gorbachov's need for cash and technology means that

Moscow needs Japan more World War."

Mr Takeshita, with his Tokyo has waged this battle Government's popularity at - if all goes well - result in a by proxy as an argument over an all-time low, might be who owns the disputed islands grateful for a feather to stick in in the Kuriles. Officials in his cap.

Moscow has given little indication of being ready to give way. It has important military Mr Uno can clothe the dispute installations on the Sea of Okhotsk, which is shielded by the disputed islands. Moscow also fears that, if it concedes the islands to Japan, territorial demands from other nations on its border might follow.

Tokyo thinks that it has found a curious means of While the Japanese are hoping for progress, they are not long-standing dispute over a holding their breath. But they treaty with the Soviet Union are presuming that Mr Gorbon migratory birds. The pact achov would see little point in was agreed in 1973 but has not sending Mr Shevardnadze to Tokyo empty-handed. been ratified because two

 MOSCOW: The extensive Soviet comment before the visit has been only modestly hopeful (Mary Dejevsky

writes). The potential for improving Soviet-Japanese relations has been recognized by Moscow ever since Mr Gorbachov came to power. To the Soviet Union, co-operation seems to

make eminent practical sense.

populated country with inad-equate natural resources which looks west towards the mineral-rich but underdeveloped wastes of eastern Siberia. If the Japanese were to provide technical expertise and manpower to exploit the otherwise barren area, they could expect coal, oil and timber in return. Recently, the Kremlin has mooted the possibility of a free-trade zone in the Far East. Changes in Foreign Ministry personnel have been hailed as attempts

to start afresh with Japan. Each Soviet proposal on improved security for the Soviet specialist at Aoyama Pacific region has been disregarded by Japan. It wants noted that Mr Shevardnadze is meeting Mr Noboru Takeonly one thing from Moscow - the return of the four

shita, the Japanese Prime northern Kurile islands. Mr Gorbachov has made small concessions. One of the first things he did was to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Every Japanese Prime abeyance for four years, whereby Japanese with rel-Minister would love to go into the history books as the man atives buried on the islands who resolved the northern could visit the graves without territories issue, signed a visas. But it is highly do peace treaty with the Soviet whether he could mal Union, and ended the Second territorial concessions. visas. But it is highly doubtful whether he could make any

Threat to

English

in Quebec

Ottawa - Mr Robert Bour-

assa, the Premier of Quebec.

to introduce legislation today

to bar the use of English on

outdoor commercial signs in

the mainly French-speaking

At the weekend the exec-

utive of Mr Bourassa's ruling

Liberal Party, meeting in Que-

bec City, voted overwhelm-ingly in favour of permitting

only French-language signs

province (John Best writes).

Vanuatu leader's rival held

By Christopher Morris

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shed in the South Pacific island state of Vanuatu, troops loyal to the Prime Minister, Father Walter Lini, last night arrested his arch-rival, Mr Barak Sope, who had been sworn in as the new Prime Minister only hours carlier.

Mr Sope is being held under heavy guard in the capital, Port Vila, with several of his supporters who were also arrested in police raids.

He has been locked in a bitter power struggle with Father Lini ever since he was dismissed as Minister of Tourism cartier this year.

Whether Mr Sope's arrest now takes the heat out of the constitutional crisis seems unlikely since his supporters, who are heavily armed, have vowed to free him and restore him as Prime Minister after his appointment yesterday by President George Sokomanu.

For a few hours Vanuaru had two Prime Ministers - Mr Sope and Father Lini, who



at a political coup".

struggle now lies with the security forces. So far they have remained loyal to Father Lini. But Mr Sope says he will demand their allegiance or set up his own police force and, if necessary, call for foreign military intervention from other South Pacific countries,

Among Mr Sope's supporters are at least 150 men who have undergone military training in Libya. One of the main Australian and New Zealand fears is that Colonel Giadalli will respond to calls for help from Mr Sope.

Sino-Indian summit

Border tensions linger

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

first Indian Prime Minister to one visit. The problem is make such a visit since his complicated. It has been with grandfather, Jawaharlal us for some time." Nehru, 34 years ago.

The long absence is indicative of more than 20 years of strained Sino-Indian relations, which the summit appears unlikely to resolve.

Although both sides have expressed hopes for a positive impact on bilateral relations, both see little headway on the main bone of contention - the 2,400-mile common border. "Both sides have agreed

that there is a traditional customary boundary, but there is discussion on where it lies," said a senior Indian diplomat in Peking this week. He emphasized that, although there had been some border incidents in the 1960s, there had been no bloodshed for several years, and he described the situation as "relatively calm".

"It is a very complicated issue left over from history." said Mr Li Zhaoxing, a Foreign Ministry spokesman

In an attempt to avert blooding the South Pacific that in the South Pacific that it is summit meeting, he will be the achieve a solution through

> Border tensions grew in the 1950s, and two years after Chou En-lai visited Delhi in 1960, India and China fought a brief border war. The dispute dates back to the line drawn by a British official in 1914 - the Macmahon line, which is not accepted by China but still viewed by India as the basis for a

solution China claims 34,700 square miles of Arunchal Pradesh state, while India claims 14,500 square miles along the Indian state of Kashmir in the west, seized by China in 1962.

The Indian diplomat played down the importance of the effects of improved Sino-Soviet relations on Sino-Indian relations, saying the of a Sino-Soviet summit to

Union.

Regional issues, including Cambodia, will feature high on the agenda. India never condemned the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, in contrast to China and Pakistan, but Soviet troop withdrawals have appeased Chinese anger. Meanwhile Miss Benazir Bhutto, the new Prime Minister of Pakistan, has chosen China for her second foreign visit early next year.

India also has welcomed Miss Bhutto's electoral success, expressing hopes that "the return of democracy" will mean an improvement in relations between India and Pakistan.

Tibet will be an embarrassment to both China and India in their summit meeting. The Dalai Lama, the Tibetans' exiled leader, lives in India, which tolerates the Dalai Lalatter have "a logic of their ma's government-in-exile in own". However, expectations Dharamsala, the existence of which is a thorn in the flesh of take place in the first half of the Chinese. There are an next year provide the ideal estimated 100,000 Tibetan background for this week's refugees in India.

Disquiet as US judge sends mother to jail indefinitely

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

credulity the case of a mother who has been sentenced to prison indefinitely for refusing to reveal the whereabouts of ber young daughter.

Dr Elizabeth Morgan, a leading plastic surgeon, has spent 15 months in jail and looks certain to break the US record of 16 months' incarceration for civil contempt of

She sent ber daughter, Hilary, into hiding after Judge Herbert Dixon, of the Washington Superior Court, ordered that the child be sent on a twoweek visit to her father, Dr Eric Foretich.

Mrs Morgan alleged that Dr Foretich, her former husband, had sexually abused the child, who was aged five when she disappeared. The indee said that there was no convincing evidence to support the allegation.

As soon as the order was made, both the child and Dr Morgan's elderly parents disappeared, and have not been heard of since. At one time

Morgan's lawyer clashed angrily with the judge, who again rejected an application for freedom, saying that she rould remain in jail indefinitely until she revealed the whereabouts of the child.

He declared three times that "the coercion has only just begun". As he spoke, Mrs Morgan stared hard at him, while biting down on her tongue. Relatives snapped at one another, lawyers exchanged bitter remarks and Mrs Morgan headed back to jail, declaring that she would never relent.

Judge Dixon said that her imprisonment could go on and on. "It could be a mouth, it could be a year, it could be more than that."

Mrs Morgan's lawyer. Mr Stephen Sachs, said of the judge: "I heard the opinion of a man who has personalized this matter, who was angry at Dr Morgan because she dared defy him. I think what we saw here today was the ugly face of the law.'

One of Mrs Morgan's court's jurisdiction.

and replied loudly: "Trash."

The judge said that his decision was based on "a conscientions consideration of the circumstances, including evidence that had not been made public". He added that it was "more probable than not that Dr Morgan believes she can undermine court orders by the mere allegation of such an offence as repulsive as child

In civil contempt cases, a judge may use coercion but not punishment to try to enforce a court order.

"As each day passes, the waste of Dr Morgan's personal and professional accomplishments will become more and more apparent," he said.

With each passing day she would be deprived "of the opportunity to comfort her child after a scrape or a fall". She would not be able to share Christmas or a birthday - and there was always the possibility that the child would be found and placed under the

remedies to the country's most

urgent problem, the JVP insurgency.

tion and the Government's sharply

deteriorating record on human

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The principal area of disagree-

Tigers kill

outside shops.

Sydney - Miss Victoria Scrivener, a 33-year-old woman keeper, died in hospital yesterday after being mauled by two tigers at Sydney's Taronga Park Zoo when she attempted to separate the mother from

Minibus crash Nairobi (Reuter) - Thirteen people died and six were admitted to hospital after a packed minibus and a lorry collided near Naivasha, 40 miles north-west of Nairobi.

19th hole

Suva (Reuter) - The Fiji Prime Minister, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, was admitted to hospital when he fainted after a three-hour round of golf, apparently suffering from

Editor out

Nairobi (Reuter) - The South African-born Swaziland newspaper editor, Mr Johnny Maseki, deported from Lesotho after publishing articles alleging government comuntion, has arrived in Nairobi.

Ferry sinks

Manila (Reuter) - Two passengers swam to safety but 51 people were missing after a small ferryboat sank off Mindoro island in the central Philippines.

Talks fail

Agartala, India (Renter) -Talks to end a 15-year guerrilla war that has killed 1,500 people in southern Bangladesh broke down when Bangladesh military commanders refused to make concessions. according to a rebel spokesman.

Mice battle

Sofia (Reuter) - Bulgaria's authorities have offered a reward of 10 days' holiday to anyone willing to wage a barehanded battle without using poison against hordes of fieldmice threatening crops.

Rebel curfew bites on eve of Sri Lanka election paign has placed emphasis on neither has offered any specific

From Edward Gorman

The Sri Lankan Government said yesterday that people who try to prevent voting in today's presiden-tial election could face the death penalty, and it authorized security officers to use "maximum force" to ensure the freedom to vote. A government statement said the

minimum sentence for attempts 10 force people not to vote would be 10 years in jail, with death as the maximum penalty. The security forces have been directed to enforce this regulation using maximum force where necessary, it said.

The warning came as a two-day curfew imposed by the extremist Sinhalese People's Liberation Front (JVP) in a bid to disrupt the elections left the capital and many

towns and villages deserted. But political killings continued, claimng at least 20 victims yesterday in various parts of the country.

Today marks the second time in their 40-year independent history that Sri Lankans go to the polls to elect a new President. With the result expected tomorrow afternoon, the election marks the beginning of a two-month transition period likely to shape the island's future development.

Tomorrow Parliament will be dissolved in preparation for general elections to a new assembly on Febmary 15. In the intervening period, a caretaker government under the new President will take over.

The presidential election comes after a period of growing instability and violence which has claimed hundreds of lives during what

outgoing President Jayewardene readily admits is the most serious crisis his country has faced. A day before voting the contest

remained wide open with both the main candidates, Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, aged 62, the Prime Minister, for the ruling United National Party, and opposition leader, Mrs Sirima Bandaranaike, aged 72, for the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, considered to have a good chance. The Prime Minister, who a month ago looked a certain loser, is expected to benefit from a low turnout. In past presidential and general elections, turnout has been particularly high, averaging about 83 per cent. But fears of intimidation and partisan security measures by the police and Army could reduce

it significantly. Mrs Bandaranaike, whose cam-

persuading people to come out and vote in recent weeks, is confident she will win, if turnout reaches 60 per cent. The result is expected to be close, however, and the third candidate, Mr Ossie Abeyagoonasekera, for the Sri Lanka People's Party (SLMP), could hold the balance.

vigorously by all three candidates, who have kept to a hectic schedule of village rallies throughout the country over the past two months. With personalities and mud-slinging dominating election speeches, there is, in fact, little to choose on policies between the two main contenders.

plans to cure unemployment and economic decline and both want Indian peace-keeping troops to leave. Perhaps most important,

ment and arguably the decisive issue is the record of President Jayewardene's 11-year-old Government. Both main candidates claim they can end the Tamil separatist The campaign has been fought insurgency, Mrs Bandaranaike has made the most of increasingly unpopular emergency rule legisla-

The Prime Minister has sought to highlight dramatic economic growth until 1983. Mrs Bandaranaike's long and hard years in opposition Both have pledged ambitious may give her the edge. She has an emotional appeal which many will find hard to resist.

MRS SIRIMA BANDARANAIKE

Aged 72, main opposition candidate at head of Sri Lanka Freedom Party and five-party coalition of smaller groups, the Democratic People's Alliance. She says: "What you have to decide is whether you want to vote for Mr Premadasa and continue to live in fear or vote for me to restore law, order and peace."

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If elected she pledges to:

Abolish executive presidency and new provincial councils;

Enact bill of rights, disband all paramilitary groups, lift state of emergency, and institute human rights commission;

Abrogate Indo-Sri Lankan peace accord and request Indian peace-keeping force to leave;

Propose devolved system of government for Tamil and Muslim minorities in the North and East under new local bodies;

Nutritude a mixed economy, with programmes for growth in

Institute a mixed economy, with programmes for growth it employment and industrial and agricultural production.
 Create equality commission for women.



overwhelming vote but was supposedly dismissed by President Sokomanu when the President announced on Friday that he had dissolved Parliament, Father Lini defied the President's orders and immediately reconvened Parliament, claiming the President had no constitutional power to do this and accusing him of "a disgraceful attempt The key to Vanuatu's power

including Australia.



Prime Minister, aged 62, standing for ruling United National Party. Born in to the lowest *Hinaya* or washerman's cast, he is first UNP teader not drawn from elite *Govigama*. Has made the most of his origins to appeal to poor. He says: "I am a humble servant of the common man. Mine shall not be a government of arrogance." If elected he pledges to:

Replace indo-Sri Lankan peace accord with friendship treaty

and send Indian peace-keeping force home;

• De-link recently merged North and Eastern provinces;

• Restore peace and enforce discipline, with programmes to combat corruption and deteriorating security;

© Continue existing Action Plan on Poverty Alleviation with ambitious proposals to distribute 2,500 rupees (about 244) to

poor families for 24-month period;
• Continue free-market economy with emphasis on foreign investment, manufacturing, employment and credit schemes.



SPECTRUM

Introducing the thinner city



The 'inner city' is an idea, not a place. The words, however, have become a euphemism for

the urban poor. But our cities are thinning out as people change the way

they work and live. Colin Ward examines whether poor people in the city will benefit from the changes

n childhood we acquire a mental picture of the city as a finite thing, enclosed by that most powerful of images, a wall, beyond which lies the country, and beyond that the wilderness. This symbolism was accurate in medieval times. It was still understandable when the steam engine concentrated power and populations and created an urban proletariat. It has been woefully inadequate all through the 20th century, when the city

Political, administrative and fiscal boundaries have seldom recognized this fact, yet it is obvious in our personal lives. Most British or American families live in suburbs, and an increasing number live not in the suburbs of the 19th-century cities, but in those of small towns in the hinterland. The dispersal has not only made the Victorian city obsolete, it has also pushed into history the giant factory, the assembly line, even the luge office full of typists and filing clerks. Patterns not only of settlement but of work itself are reverting to those which were apparent before the industrial revolution changed

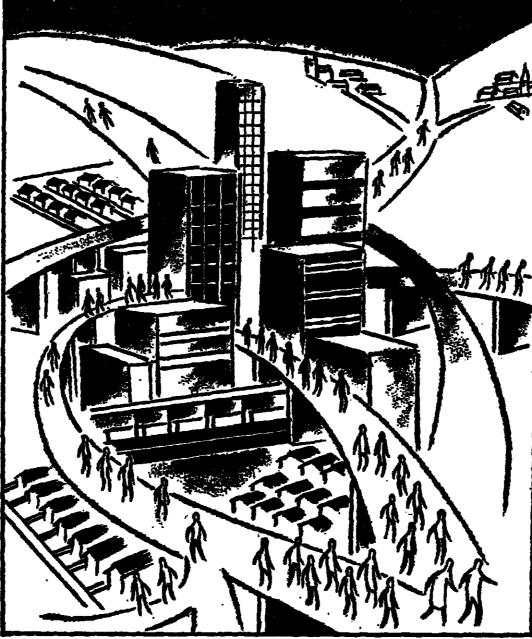
everything. A century ago, elected to the chair of the infant London County Council, Lord Rosebery declared that "I am always haunted by the awfulness of London". It seemed to him "a tumour, an elephanti-asis, sucking into its gorged system half the life and the blood and bone of rural districts". His contemporaries of every political persuasion would all have rejoiced at by the end of the 20th century the problem of the cities had been Britain and the old manufacturing reduced to manageable proporpowers was inevitably to be tions, not by political action but shortlived and that we should plan

by economic and demographic change. They would simply won-der why it had taken us so long, and why we have failed to cope with what seemed to them a vital issue, that of urban land valua-tion, which stands in the way of rational policies.

For the very language we use about the "decline" of the cities is misleading, and certainly inaccurate historically. Our cities expanded at a terrifying rate in one short period of urban civilization and at the absolute heyday of their alleged prosperity. When heavy industry was loaded with orders, when Britain was the workshop of the world and when the ports were full of ships and ship-building, cities like London, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle were notorious for their poverty, their overcrowded slums, their terrifying juvenile mortality, crime, prostitution, disease and destitution, as well as for the existence of a savage urban

of Britain in her heyday, there were at least four with a realistic vision of our own century and that of our children. One, of course, was William Morris, designer and socialist, whose vision of the 21st century was far more subtle and relevant than his interpreters want us to believe. Another was Patrick Geddes, the astonishing Scottish biologist, with his regionalist con-cept of the future of cities. The third was the geographer and anarchist Peter Kropotkin, who foresaw with remarkable accuracy that the industrial sup-

Among the Victorian sages who attempted to cope with the horrors



accordingly. The fourth was Ebenezer Howard, inventor and shorthand-writer and father of the garden city idea, who declared in 1904 that "while the age in which we live is the age of the great closely-compacted, overcrowded city, there are already signs, for those who can read them, of a coming change so great and so momentous that the 20th century will be known as the period of the

great exodus . . . ' The trend of census returns both on place of residence and nature of employment all through this century have supported their forecasts of actual changes, at an increasing pace in the last two decades. But of course the ability to join the inevitable decentraliza-tion of dwelling and work has been distributed selectively. The importance of the post-war New

'The 20th century will be known as the period of the great exodus . . . '

Town programme was not numerical: it was that it offered the one opportunity for inner-city dwellers to rent new bomes (since purchase was beyond their means) in the general outward movement. There is ample evidence that this need, though unmet, still exists. When the inner city is discussed

as a social problem, the description is not used as a geographic expression at all. The phrase does not describe derelict buildings. It is used as a euphemism for the urban poor. The inner city is an idea rather than a place. We insist on using the words as a kind of shorthand for poor people, often indeed for those ethnic minorities for whom poor city districts are, as they had been thoughout history, a "zone of transition", a point of entry into the modern urban

economy.

But the fact that we use the words inner city to describe the landcape of the poor, anywhere, presents two difficulties. One is that it is adopted in the press and among politicians to describe any area, anywhere, that is perceived as a "problem". The abolition of poverty is a worthy aim, pursued

BREAKING THE GHETTO STEREOTYPE

In industry and commerce there is a concept of stock and flow, referring to the goods that stay on the shelves until needed and those which pass through continually. The same classification is readily applied to the inner city. Spitalfields in London, for example, has for centuries been an area where new arrivals gained their first toehold in the urban economy and their first induction in city ways. They have left their traces in the street names, the architecture

and the typical occupations.

Huguenot silk-weavers were followed by the Irish and then by the Jews, the majority of whom arrived in the great influx that followed the pagenge is the Pageign rived in the great minut tags tun-lowed the pogroms in the Russian Empire. As they in turn moved on, their place has been taken in the last three decades by the Bengalis, working in the same trades, usu-ally in the same buildings. The evidence from the cities is of

a flow. But, growingly, it is per-ceived as a stock. And this stock is composed, it is thought, of a new arban underclass, believed to consist of people who have never been in gainful employment, who have fallen out of the habit of being pseful citizens, and who reproduce

emselves in each generation. It is a very old and persisten idea. A century ago, Charles Booth found that "they degrade whatever they touch, and as individuals are perhaps incapable of improvement; they may be to some extent a necessary evil in every large city". In the 1970s Sir Keith Joseph aed that mothers in Social Class V were "producing problem

by some people all through history. It is not actually on the agenda of policy-makers in the

But the yardstick by which to judge the failure or success of inner city policies can only be the extent to which they enhance the opportunities, whether in housing, work or education, of poor citydwellers. Since they are seen as the of their situation can be seen as a

erate policies in inner city areas: Do they help or hinder low-income families in joining the thinning-out process, taken for granted by the more affluent all through this century? Can those who want to, move out?

children, the future unmarried mothers, delinquests, denizens of our borstals, subnormal cinca-tional establishments, prisone, hostels for drifters".

None would deny that children reared in poor families suffer, every comparative index of deprivation shows this to be so. But it is dangerous and socially destructive to categorize the city poor as a self-perpetuating underclass, for sev-

No statistical research supports

 If encourages an easy tablians nothing can be done about these people – just cordon them off with vigilant policing and ignore them.
 It encourages fear: the underclass consists of young black predatory males, ready at any moment to take revenge on the context that raisets them. society that rejects them.

There are routes out of the creel

and complacent stereotype. One is the enjoyable irony that the alleged ghetto culture has made its own inroads into the entertainment industry in music, drama, poetry and dance. Another is the achievement of some poor, young, un-employed inner-city dwellers to make the same transition once they had the opportunity to rebouse themselves and gain skills at the same time.

Dependent people abound, in-side and outside the inner city. A civilized society can easily provide for their physical needs. What it ignores at its peril is the thirst for personal and social independence: the desire to get out of the stock and into the flow.

'problem", only an improvement

In these terms there are four criteria by which we can assess both accidental trends and delib-

● Do they encourage "the greening of the city", seizing the chance to create the universally desired environment that people leave the city to find?

• Do they assist or obstruct the

expansion of dweller-control in

 Do they provide a fine-grain city with small-scale specialized industry generating every level of work, and the kind of information education that promotes these work opportunities?

Tomorrow: Cultivating dweller control

Colin Ward, the author of this series, is the winner of the first Charles Douglas-Home Memorial Trust Award, instituted to commemorate the Editor of The Times from 1982 to 1985.
Ward received the award for research into the revival of Britain's inner cities; he travelled to the United States and Italy as well as throughout Britain, and the resulting book, Welcome, Thinner City, from which this series is adapte be published by Bedford Square Press in September 1989.

Knowing where to draw the line...

The man behind the family edition of The Times Atlas of the World overcame 'moving' towns and sensitive borders

else the proverb of a mountain Mr H.A.G. "Bunny" Lewis.

The words are uttered with

"Life in the mapping world is a certain jauntiness rather smaller in scale, but it is exceedingly difficult." These than resignation, for they consume almost as ambitious, and its words, weighted with a worful tain the germ of the challenge completion represented the truth, sound like a literal that has motivated Lewis translation from Chekhov, or through half a century of research. Chairman of the people condemned to isola- United Nations' Commission and is perhaps best described tion. In fact they come from on Place Names, he is a as a tabloid version of that quite another pole, and ex-press the life-learnt certainty the Fifties to consolidate into of the veteran cartographer, a single entity the five-volume The Times Atlas of the World. His latest project may be

almost as ambitious, and its completion represented the fulfilment of a long-held dream. It is the family edition of the world-famous work, definitive broadsheet.

Yet that is only half the truth, for while this stripling inevitably draws on the knowledge of its encyclopaedic



parent, it is trying to achieve something new, in particular to combine the traditional functions of atlas, gazetteer

and "geography book".

This has entailed a sometimes painful boiling-down of the full list of places, based on

importance. It has also meant the inclusion of an "idiot's guide" to population, religion, currency and the like, and of a seographical dictionary, which will obviate the need to pretend to know the meaning of words such as geodesy.

The work of a map-maker

has always involved a rich mix of disciplines, from place name etymology to politics, language and geology, but today, because of the growth of technology in production techniques, it is a far cry from the immediate post-war days. "We now have maps that can be edited on a screen and then be put on to film by a laser plotter. It means that you can do almost God-like things, like delete whole roads at a stroke," Lewis explains.

In some parts of the world, he continues, notably the Soviet Union, some wholesale revisions of existing topog- random method underlying minent expiry of the present

Lewis has in mind when he speaks of the difficulties of the cartographer's lot: "Many countries exercise some form of secrecy. The Soviet Union, for example, has for a long time falsified maps so that whole districts are transposed, road patterns altered and towns shifted by 30 kilometres."

T e adds: "Many sceptics doubt the truth of this, but in the last month the Soviet government has admitted that these practices started in the early days of the revolution. Some of the maps then were, in effect, wholly fictitious, and these discrepancies were extended to public maps.

"By using other source maps we were able to see

raphy have been necessary. It the way in which they were re-is this factor above all which sited. I recently met a Soviet sited. I recently met a Soviet professor of geography and not even he knew that his country had true maps of a particular region."

The other difficulties which

would dog anyone who wanted to chart a contentious world are provided by the boundaries. Lewis and his colleagues tend to observe the status quo: if, for example, an Indian visa is required for entry into the disputed area of the north-east frontier, then that area is encompassed by the Indian boundary, albeit with a broken line.

However, the plate of Antarctica, that most-claimed part of the world, does not show the familiar national slices of cake radiating from the South Pole. Instead there where the towns really belong, is a great white blank, void of There seemed to be a fairly segments. Because of the im-

Antarctic Treaty, the atlas has chosen to "freeze" the claims. "Whenever an atlas is compiled, there are bound to be some political complaints," Lewis says. "I once got a letter from a man who did not agree with the representation of Chinese boundary changes at the same time he asked to be sent a free atlas, which I considered a bit cheeky. We really have very little option but to stick to what is official. "Feelings can run very high. When I was in Turkey, for example, if someone in Ankara had discovered that I had a map on which Kurdestan was marked, I would almost certainly have been thrown in jail No, I would probably

Alan Franks

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Snakes and ladders in Eden

Last night the serpent re-signed from the Garden of Eden after advising the gen-eral public that the fruit of the trees was both "good for food" and "pleasant to the eyes". Privately, God was said to

be cursing the serpent for his actions. One source close to the Almighty said that He had cursed the serpent, "above all cattle, and above every beast of the field" adding, "upon thy belly shalt theu go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life". But in His letter accepting the screent's resig-nation, God expressed "great personal sadness" at the event, though biblical commentators noted that God nowhere mentioned the possibil-

ity of a return by the serpent to His team at a later date. THOSE LETTERS IN FULL make man eat of the fruit. We "Dear God, when I asked to see you this morning I told you that, having considered the matter very carefully, I had concluded that I should offer my resignation from the Garden. I think that in the circumstances this is the least the concentration of the least th

stauces this is the best course. "I have been delighted to participate in a scheme to increase public knowledge of what is good and what is bad, and to have been able to do so in such a pleasant and worthwhile setting. "Since you first appointed

me to the Garden, I have served under both Adem and

Eve, offering them my best advice at all times. I would like to put out record my admira-"Finally, my thanks to you per-sonally for all you

are doing for Creation, for which you will continue to Yours ever, Serpent.

God wrote in reply:
"I have received your letter today with great personal sadness. We shall miss the great energy and enthusiasm you have brought to all your work in the Garden. No one could have worked harder to shall continue to work to-

gether for everything we both believe in. Our Devilry Correspondent writes: The serpent's career has been meteoric. Never one to shun publicity, he had become second only to God in public recognition. At times he seemed inebriated by his own seemed meoranea by his own high profile personality, and was always willing to be seen in the least likely places — up a tree, hiding behind an apple, slithering through the grass — if it meant a further dose of-publicity. But reliable sources



Following the screent's resignation, the appointment of a sheep to his vacated post has been announced. This is widely believed to be a safe choice. The sheep's position will be taken by a duckbilled platypus, known for his silence on all major issues.

It seems entirely fitting that the first British volunteer to the first British volunteer to become a subway vigilante or "Guardian Angel" should be a fashion stylist from Kensing-ton. Wearing his blood-red beret with pride, Mr David Edmond has reported that, while out training in New York, he was threatened with a sledgehammer and a knife a sledgehammer and a knife. Anyone who has made the mistake of venturing into a Kensington Fashion Shop in

aspects of the Northern Line. Cavernous and ill-lit, with no windows and constructed of grey concrete, Kensington bostiques are populated by threatening-looking vigilantes or "assistanta" who skulk in the corners, eyeing their cus-tomers or "victims" with

Soon, the unwary enstoner finds himself threatened with the chilling pronouncement, "Can I help you?", and in so time at all he is shut into a "changing room". The door of this cramped room invariably bursts open when the customer has shed all his clothes. He looks up to find a cacking vigilante saying "Do you need any help?" When the customer emerges from the booth, his trousers fall to the floor. That's how it's meant to look," he is told. "That'll be £150, please." No doubt Mr Edmond will

put his training as a fashion stylist to good use when he takes to the Tube, only letting innocest angers go when he has charged them £35 for a pair of designer braces and £62.50 for a pair of designer boxer shorts. But many of as will yearn for the good old days of the cheery British to take your money without

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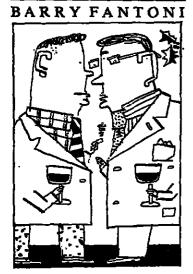
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CLEMENT FREUD

The media pages of our national press no longer carry the advertisement for an editor for *Punch*. Early last week a puff of white smoke curled upwards from the habitat of United Newspapers and the appointment of Mr David Thomas, late of the Mail on Sunday, was solemnly announced. In accordance with specifications he is between 30 and 40 years of age; be is also over six feet tall and wears glasses, which must be a considerable bonus for the ad made no mention of these attributes. Those of us who love Punch and left for our various reasons wish him well. As for the magazine, the smile has gone but the Cheshire Cat is still there, albeit a rather slimmer beast than that of yore. Perhaps it should have its outings at less regular intervals — like fortnightly or monthly.

This diary has done its bit for consumerism in 1988. It disclosed the unheralded weakening of strength and diminution in the size of Pimm's - who went on selling more at the same old price. Fifteen love to the market men. We pointed out that Rose's lime juice was less limey and the fine glass bottle had been replaced by runcible plastic. Thirty love. Wright's Coal Tar soap has acquired a new shape and a milder fragrance and for the record Wright's Vaporizer is no longer marketed at around £2 a unit London International have removed it from the shelves and replaced it with a refill kit which will cost you twice as much or leave you with only one clear nostril if you are vaporizing on a fixed budget. And it is not just we humans who are suffering from the relentless advance of science: a Newmarket reader writes that her notoriously unfussy starlings are rejecting "new improved Swoop" which now appeals only to her coal tit - and he just picks out the peanuts before swooping off for his next course. Game set and match to the enemy.

y youngest daughter has given up smoking, really—for ever and ever. Went to this brilliant man in Ravnes Park and left five hours later having deposited in his bin her cigarettes and her lighter and come away with a new hero - who remains in Raynes Park with her £60. "How did he persuade you?" I asked. It would have taken her four hours to explain so we shall monitor her progress.



'Her resignation is good in parts'

reader found himself in a Cambridge bostelry fashioned from a number of Edwardian terrace houses and made into a single entity with half a hundred fire doors. He left his wife in the car to determine the price of accommodation and returned with the just acceptable news that a twin-bedded room with breakfast (bathroom at the end of a corridor) cost £38. "Steep," he writes, "for the outskirts of the city and only two AA stars but we had had a hard day and it was clean." It also had plywood walls and at 3am they were woken willingness or otherwise of the local women, which conversation, writes the corres-pondent, was not witty, cultivated or mellifluous and was punctuated by noises that would have given an Arab chef

He slept little thereafter. Breakfast consisted of a bowl of Shreddies, a croissant, tea or coffee and a glass of world-weary orange juice which dreamed wistfully of Florida sunshine, never felt. Without wishing me to think that he had never encountered such fare at the dawning of a day (indeed my correspondent has lived in Italy and Provence) he was told that he must pay £1.85 for the privilege of the cooked breakfast he required to sustain him. "It was undistinguished, but then it was an undistinguished but adequate place: massproduced sausages, two rashers of green bacon, an egg fried too swiftly and a halfsteamed tomato finished under a grill." He asked for fried bread. The kitchen was unable to manage fried bread. He ate toast, unwrapping the small parcel of butter and gouging marmalade from its prophylactic container and called for the manager.

profound satisfaction at a job well done.

y correspondent told this worthy:"I felt the need of a cooked breakfast," adding, "and I have no intention whatsoever of paying for it." He then delivered what may be the most memorable speech made by a Times Diary reader in a two-star hostelry in Cambridge in December: "Sir," said he (his head throbbing), "I asked last night the price of bed and breakfast. As an English graduate and author of 14 published books (a specious qualification I grant but it'll do in such circumstances). I beg to inform you that the word 'breakfast' in English means stewed prunes, cereals, porridge, fruit juice, kippers, ham omelette, eggs. bacon, sausages, mushroom, black pudding and kidneys. It does not mean the same as petit dejeuner, prima collazione or any other term which von are at liberty to use . . . I paid the sum demanded for bed and breakfast. I have taken breakfast. If you wish to challenge my definition of the word I shall readily appear in court where I shall maintain that you are guilty of fraud - if not, after a night such as I have passed, extortion."

Other breakfasters began to applaud and the manager said: "Well sir, if that is how you feel ..." I doubt, though that a judge would be persuaded, for the dictionary says: breakfast n. that with which a person breaks his fast. No mention anywhere of smoked haddock kedgeree.

James Sherr sounds a warning on Gorbachov's troop-cut proposal

Advance through retreat

we are not disarmed, we may end up enfeebled if we do not

Gorbachov has yet again pre-sented us with a case of "bothunderstand this ourselves. We should also understand and". He has compelling reasons - economic and strategic - to want force reductions. Yet he that Gorbachov's initiatives are the product of opportunity as well as need. The need, to be sure, is profound. "Marshall also has reason to ensure that the Soviet armed forces do not lose plans" from the West will not the advantages they enjoy today. His speech to the UN General suffice to revive the Soviet economy. Nor will they suffice to Assembly brings him closer to preserve the modernity of the The speech also presents us with what should now be the Soviet armed forces. These forces are now firmly embarked upon their third "revolution in military affairs", a revolution familiar Gorbachov style: pre-empting pressure rather than dominated by the technologies yielding to it and striking at the of the laser, the data process least opportune moment for his and the microchip. Gorbachov is

> investment it will be lost. If the 5-million strong Soviet armed forces could be reduced by even 25 per cent, considerable resources would be freed for economic modernization. Reductions could also produce a more proficient army. On the high-tech battlefield, many of today's large formations will become vulnerable targets.

intent that this revolution be

won, and he knows that without

Even before Gorbachov's advent to power, the Soviet armed forces began experimenting with smaller, more mobile and more lethal packages of men and hardware. Far from signifying the abandonment of an offensive strategy, today's force restructuring programme is designed to sustain it in new and more stringent conditions.

With this in mind Gorbachov has every temptation to try to preserve today's relative superiorities at lower force levels. Between them, unilateral gestures and arms agreements may modernize Soviet forces under the guise of reducing them. Gorbachov's UN speech is a step along this road. Nothing in the speech precludes modernization. It would be ironic if reductions to 1984 levels forced Nato to abandon modernization programmes which were critical

even before that date. Where will further Soviet reductions come from? Very possibly the Far East. Gorbachov well understands the strategic significance of what Stalin in an earlier era termed "calm in the East". In 1941, Japanese neutrality enabled Stalin's Far Eastern army to move westwards. In the 1990s, Chinese friendship may enable the Soviets to maintain the striking power of Gorbachov's western armies.

Under these circumstances, it would be a bold optimist who concluded that Gorbachov's cutbacks will compromise Soviet military strategy in Europe. That strategy depends less upon superior numbers than upon an offensive deployment and force structure. Even with deeper reductions in Warsaw Pact forces than Gorbachov has proposed, Nato would have little chance of defeating an attack by conventional means and might need considerable prior warning to defeat it at all.

What then should one make of the Warsaw Pact's adoption of a military doctrine based on the principle of "reasonable suf-ficiency"? The obvious question is "reasonable sufficiency" for what? Soviet military pro-

fessionals warn that the new technologies will make the tasks of the attacker more difficult. They also stress a point which is far from new to Soviet military thought: that an attacker who attacks everywhere can find himself outflanked or over-extended. Defence and offence must complement each other if the overall offensive is to succeed. This may be change of a kind, but it is a far cry from the advocacy of a defensive strategy

or posture. On the contrary, the

Soviet general staff seems to be

preoccupied with rescuing an

offensive strategy rather than

abandoning it. The intriguing question is whether Gorbachov would be willing to go further than his marshals. The possibility should not be ruled out. For the sake of European de-nuclearization, the de facto neutralization of West Germany and the effective dissolution of Nato, Gorbachov might well countenance a defensive force posture - or at least a less offensive one. An offensive

force posture - like armed force

itself - is simply a tool of policy. If the long-standing aims of policy could be better served by some other posture, there would be every reason to have it. But not even Gorbachov will have it otherwise. To date, he has been careful to justify his arms pro-posals in terms of the current military strategy. For the future he is bound to remain as sensitive to strategic considerations

as to political ones. Lenin said that victory is impossible unless one knows how to attack and retreat properly. Gorbachov's retreats are genuine enough, but they are conducted with an offensive purpose. For all of the "new thinking" in Moscow, arms control is still a tool of ideological struggle and of military strategy.

As serious strategists, the Soviets are not concrued with imbalances of numbers, but of capability. They do not seek superiority in everything, only in the decisive. They would like nothing better than an arms agreement which legitimized a leaner. more potent and more economic force structure for the Warsaw Pact. We will not foil this aim unless we realize that Gorbachov's initiative signifies a new chapter in the East-West struggle, rather than its denouement. James Sherr, a fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, is the author of Soviet Power: the Continuing Challenge (Macmillan).

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Bernard Levin

Why was it born at all?

Every few years another theory of what did them in is propounded, and the latest has been out forward by American geologists: this time it was a giant tidal wave which swept them into oblivion. The inundation had been caused, they say, by a huge asteroid, up to six miles in diameter, which struck the middle of the Caribbean, the resultant splash causing a wave between 50 and 100 feet high.

Western reactions to President Gorbachov's UN speech have centred around one question:

was he making propaganda or is he sincere in his desire for force

reductions? If this "either-or"

question continues to dominate debate, both the quality of our debate and of our security will

As a dialectical thinker.

rivals. From Nato's point of view, the timing could not be

worse. European governments,

despite public pressure, are

summoning up courage to pro-ceed with modernization de-

cisions. US congressmen, en-

grossed with their budget crisis,

are looking for excuses to reduce US troops in Europe. As an accomplished Leninist, Gorba-

chov understands that retreats

can advance one's aim and that concessions can disarm. Even if

these two goals.

Nobody has found the hole it made, though since it would have been in the seabed that is not altogether surprising, in any case, the boffins are suggesting that elsewhere in the world, a rain of such asteroids, even if it didn't lead to tidal waves, would have caused a gigantic dust cloud which blotted out the sun long enough to cool the earth sufficiently to make it impossible for the dinosaurs to survive. It is generally agreed, from the evidence of fossil remains, that they became extinct abruptly around 65,000,000 BC — well, abruptly as pre-history goes, which is not all that abruptly, since the weird beasties took a million years or I wouldn't be surprised. Mean-

while, a dig in the Cotswolds has unearthed remains from the early days of the dinosaurs, when they did indeed rule the earth. The finds include the pelvic hone of a cetiosaurus almost 5ft. long (I don't want to give you nightmares, but a whole cetiosaurus is said to have measured more than 40st) and a variety of dinosaur teeth, which are useful. I gather, for evidence of the rest

of the animal. Laughter dies away quickly. Is there anything in the universe, other than the universe itself, as strange and haunting as the reign of these almost literally incredible creatures? To start with, however they ended they had a good run for their money; the fossil evidence suggests that they survived and thrived for some 150 million years, which is hardly a flash in the pan. How much would you stake, in dino-saur's teeth, that man will flourish as long as that?
What did Creation think it was doing when it bred the dinosaurs? We can grasp, with our limited imagination, the progress of the sub-men who ultimately led to us; William Golding even wrote a remarkable novel, called *The Inheritors*, which was set at the time when the last prototypes were being supplanted by homo sapiens. Oddly enough, we can also

conjure up an empty earth, cooling towards the point at which life could begin on it. But to envisage the age of the dinosaurs in any form more serious than the absurd films which have been made about pre-history is simply impossible, even though artists, instructed by palaeontologists, have drawn tures of what these creatures looked like; the three most familiar are the brontosaurus with its vastly long neck, the kite-like pterodactyl and — the most fearsome of them all tyrannosaurus rex, rearing up on its hind legs displaying huge and savage teeth. (The brontosaurus was a vegetarian, they say. I wouldn't risk giving it a carrot if i met one). The curiosity this amazing

evolutionary boss-shot arouses in anyone capable of the feeling image they project, which in turn is provided by the stupendous difference between them and any other living creature we can think of, extant or extinct. (There is one exception, which I shall come to).

idea of evolution, we have a concept of gradual change from a lower form to a higher, a simpler to a more complex; a more sophisticated approach allows for parallel developments, so that the birds, for instance, do not need to have nested in our family tree. But the dinosaurs, as far as anyone can see, leapt into the middle of the stage, to the astonishment of the audience, some 225 million



dazed applause whose echoes linger to this day. A minoceros is a most extraordinary sight, as is a hippo, or for that matter a giraffe, and looking at them certainly stirs wonder, but it is a different kind of wonder altogether from that inspired by the dinosaurs. (A friend of mine took his then fivevear-old son to the London Zoo. thinking that sights as extraordinary as the wart-hog, the boa constrictor and the elephant, to say nothing of the pelican, would years ago, and vacated it some surely provoke a reaction worth 150 million later to a round of remembering in the boy. Junior

examined everything, however exotic or remarkable, with the same careful yet entirely un-excited gaze but without any comment, until they got to the lion-cages, where the king of the beasts was curled up asleep in the sun. The child examined this sight, too, as impassively as all the other wonders he had seen, and at last spoke. "Big miaow beddy-byes," he said.)

Walt Disney's Fantasia has an episode of pre-historic monsters fighting, though for the life of me I cannot bring to mind what music it is which accompanies it: name, and what prompted them to appropriate it? When Peer Gynt's enemies are all killed in a ship that explodes,

reminds me; there is a pop-group called Tyrannosaurus Rex;

where did they come upon that

he remarks of God that "He takes fatherly thought for my personal weal — but economical, that he isn't". Peer chose the right word, and the dinosaurs should know; the extravagance of their rise and fall beggars the imagination all over again. If the universe had no use for them in the evolutionary march, what were they created for?

or surely they had no place in that procession, unlike the sub-men who led to the real ones. Perhaps they hadn't time to evolve before the disaster, whatever it was, though that seems unlikely; we appeared not much more than 1,500,000 years after our remotest forebears, and the dinosaurs had anything up to 100 times that span to get their act together. But if the idea of the dinosaurs which did exist is almost impossible to encompass, how much more beyond us is even the sketchiest outline of what they might have become.

inere is one ci cannot imagine what it is a clue to. Have you ever got near enough to a lizard to look at it properly? It's difficult because of their nervousness and speed, but if you can find a sleepy one on a supply wall and examine it then imagine it 200 times larger, you

have got a dinosaur. Was this extraordinary leftover a joke? Or did the survivors emerge in shrunken form from the cataclysm? There are no answers, of course, because it is almost impossible to ask any questions. If it is any comfort to those of a particularly nervous disposition who fear that they might meet a dinosaur round the corner, the experts say that the brontosaurus had the smallest brain, relative to its size, of any creature that has ever lived. Mind you, the experts have Radio City Music Hall? That never measured the TUC.

Commentary • JACK STRAW

Forgotten fiascos

A nation without history. is like a man without a memory.

Here, then, is some history: the leader of the Opposition spoke in a rapid, incomprehensible, chattering splutter, like a typewriter that had broken loose and was terrorising the neighbourhood. Worse, occa-sionally," the leader "slowed down enough to be understood". Thus spoke the Daily Tele-

graph; but not in December 1988 about the Labour leader. Neil Kinnock, but in December 1978 about Mrs Thatcher. The occasion was the vote of confidence which the then Labour govern-ment had been forced to put down after the defeat the night before (December 13) of its pay policy, and the carrying by two votes of a Conservative motion declining to support the "government's arbitrary use of economic sanctions against firms and workers who have negotiated pay settlements beyond a rigid limit".

On the essential political principle that you should only hit a man when he is down, all Mrs Thatcher then had to do was to aim her boot at Jim Callaghan's head, and kick. She missed. The Daily Telegraph report continued: "Most Tory backbenchers looked as if they wished to be somewhere else, Dunkirk, say, or Wigan on a wet Wednesday . . . It was an inspiring sight - the lines of Tories sitting it out, unwavering, glassy-eyed, vol-untarily listening as the cliches

voileyed and thundered about

them ... Then the Commons

was treated to a half-grasped

economic lecture, a nightmarish

confusion of Tory economic

deliberately unclear . . . "

"But the government has halved the value of unemployment since 1974. The Labour government will never realise that the proper control of tax cuts means inflation incentives. But the Prime Minister is deter-mined to cling to a rigid OECD" (sic). At one stage, so desperate did Mrs Thatcher's speech become, that the ever-loyal Cranley Onslow (now chairman of the 1922 Committee) complained to the Speaker that the government whips had got Labour backbenchers "to whisper and dis-

turb" her. Nor was this flatfooted performance by Mrs Thatcher an aberration, an exception to an otherwise untarnished record in the forensic arts of opposition. She muffed at least as many chances as she took. For exam ple, The Times of July 26, 1978, led with a report by its parliamentary correspondent more excortating of a performance by a party leader than any I can

"Tory dismay as Mrs Thatcher fails to jolt the Prime Minister" was the lead headline. Mrs Thatcher's speech opening the debate, said the report, "was a morass of statistics and political comparisons which totally misfired... Never in recent years has a speech on such an important occasion (on the economy) by a party leader been greeted by such a stony silence from his or her own beaches. Mrs Thatcher sat down to deafening jeers and catcalls from the Labour benches, and expressions almost of shock, horror, and

despair on the faces of many Tory MPs... "It is not too much to sug-

gest," the experienced journalist who wrote this piece suggested. "that if a general election were not around the corner many Tory MPs might be wondering whether they had the right leader at the helm." It is perhaps no wonder that

four months later, despite the

imminence of the general election, and the open goal of a government without a majority, The Times ran a story about "warring factions" within the Tory party. The paper, on November 2, 1978, reported that Mrs Thatcher battled galiantly and with considerable success to reconcile some of the warring pay policy factions within the Conservative Party". Whatever success she had at this reconciliation, the fact that the divisions were so clear, and so public, emphasizes that all parties in opposition suffer frustrations that spill into public print.

Nor are opposition leaders' personal ratings ever too won-derful. Mrs Thatcher's highest Gallup Poll rating as a good opposition leader was 49 per considerably more supportive of the Conservative Party than it is of Labour.

cent and the lowest 31 per cent. Neil Kinnock's ratings as Labour leader have had a high of 55 per cent and a low of 26 per cent - a not dissimilar range, especially taking into account the simple truth that the British press is

I do not, by the way, use this as a crutch or excuse. The fact that Labour is intrinsically more liable to be subject to hostile

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press criticism than the Tories should make some Labour members pause for thought before they speak or behave in a way which could be portrayed as a sign of disunity. It is, after all, the appearance of disunity which causes otherwise sympathetic voters to hold back their active espousal of our cause. But there are plenty of examples of deep divisions within the Conservative ranks; if only they were reported with the élan and detail arguments are treated.

The latest elections for the officers of Tory backbench committees have been more biterly contested than for years. I inadvertently witnessed the start of one such election — between the left-winger Sir George Young and the fairly right-wing apart-heid expert, John Cartisle - for the chairmanship of the sports committee. But beyond the outcome of that vote, there has been barely a line of reporting.

Mrs Thatcher has now achieved greater dominance of the political scene than any other peacetime leader this century. But as we prepare for the bombardment of her tenth anniversary celebrations and sacred texts of the magic of her leadership, we would do well to remember that her record as opposition leader was rather patchy, to say the least.

Today's myth is that she was as successful an opposition leader as she has, since 1982, been as prime minister. The truth, as a little history shows, is very

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ON THIS DAY

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is it the Rite of Spring? Possibly

the scientists are wrong, and the

catastrophe that destroyed them

was merely a rise in their

aggressiveness, so that they

fought each other to extinction.

Where did they get their names? Surely Buffon didn't

stretch his categories that far, if

indeed fossil research had yet

turned up the evidence (Lin-

naeus sounds like one himself)...

Tyrannosaurus is easily under-

stood, but how did triceratops

get called by a moniker which

sounds like the chorus-line at

After a running battle with the British cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles the German battleship Graf Spee limped into Monte-video for repairs. Ordered to leave, she was scuttled on orders from Berlin, three days later her captain, Hans Langsdorff, committed suicide in Buenos Aires.

SCUTTLING OF THE GRAF SPEE

From Our Special Correspondent MONTEVIDEO, DEC. 18

Four seamen of the Admiral Graf Spee were arrested to-day by the port authority of Monte-video charged with blowing up their ship. They were a corporal of marines, a fireman, and two ordinary seamen, and were taken from among 350 members of the battleship's crew taken off by the Tacoma before the explosion. All of them are to be interned. If Captain Langsdorff had not put himself outside Uruguayan jurisdiction by escaping from the scene in an Argentine vessel, he too would have been arrested.

There was no crew on board when the Admiral Graf Spee was scuttled, all including the captain baving been trans-shipped to Argentine togs and barges, owned by a German-Argentine firm, which sailed for Buenos Aires. Urugusy Government upheld international law in spite of the strongest possible German pres-

It is now known that the sure. On Friday Dr Guani, the Foreign Minister, informed the German Minister that the German bettleship must leave by 8 o'clock on Sunday evening. On Saturday the Garman Minister and the commander informed Dr Guani that the Admiral Graf

Spee would not be seaworthy, and demanded a stay of 15 days. Dr Guani offered to reconsider the matter provided that Germany accepted the Uruguay Government's decision without question, but as no affirmative was received the original time limit was held. At 6.15 on Saturday evening a

London steamer, the Dunster Grange, sailed from Montevideo, and the port authorities prohibited the Admiral Graf Spee from leaving for 24 hours. At 6.30 the Admiral Graf Spec

sailed, and exploded with Teutonic punctuality and Wagnerian effect against the setting sun five minutes before the time limit. An hour later the German Minister protested to Dr Guani that the neutrality rules had not been properly observed, and published captain's letter protesting that the Uruguay Government's decision contravened Article 17 of The Hague Convention XIII; and stating that the Admiral Graf Spee was unseaworthy. since there was no time to repair the hull, and it was impossible to feed 1.000 men with the cooks galleys destroyed, and that he had therefore decided to save the crew and sink the ship.

Captain Langsdorff asserted that the contractor and personnel who had been making the repairs were prevented by the Customs authorities on December 16 for several hours from getting on board, and were only allowed to go on the ship after a protest had been made by the German

The captain's refusel to face battle was probably due to greater underwater damage than was known and to the crew's lowered morale. The Admiral Graf Spec a now semi-submerged in shallow water near the main shipping channel. Her hull is buckled and twisted, and blackened with the fire that is still raging inside her.





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BIG SCIENCE

Two decisions have put the United Kingdom back in to the "big league" of scientific nations. After much hesitation, the Government has committed itself to continue subscribing to the Centre Europeen de Recherche Nucleaire (Cern). After similar delays, it has also signed up with the partners in the European Space Agency (ESA) for the Horizon 2000 space

Participation in these two joint enterprises does not mean that the Government has entirely shed its reputation for carelessness towards Britain's research capabilities. But it is a good sign - one whose importance is not confined to physicists or astronomers. It provides an opportunity to put national space and science policy back on course.

The low point was reached earlier this year when Mr Kenneth Clarke, then the Trade and Industry minister responsible, proved so unnecessarily abrasive and negative in international negotiations with Britain's scientific partners. His successor, Mr Tony Newton, is blessed not only with an auspicious name in this field; he has the calmer style that was required too.

The Government was right to insist on a thorough efficiency audit at Cern. It has scored important points and injected a necessary note of cost consciousness into the ESA. But that phase is now over. Ministers should plan ahead in a more positive frame of mind.

In recent years the Government has successfully given the impression that it cared little for scientists or their work. Ill-considered thetoric and lack of imagination have obscured the considerable investment still made annually in big, basic science projects.

Science policy has had three main positive elements. The Government wants the "consumers" of research, private business, to underwrite more of its costs. It has sought to apply to research the firm criteria of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. It has refused to accept that expenditure on science be immune from external scrutiny by accountants.

But it has been reluctant itself to "pick winners", despite the attempt by both the Advisory Board for the Research Councils and the University Grants Committee to push policy in the direction of concentrating available resources in a strictly limited number of specialisms and laboratories. Applied to participation in international programmes in space and for advancing pure knowledge in particle physics these principles have led to procrastination and - for a while - the possibility of withdrawal altogether.

Take Cern first. To compete in the same league as the accelerator recently agreed by the

Reagan Administration for Texas requires the pooling of resources from several European countries. Even then it means devoting a significant fraction of each national science budget to particle physics. The Government found itself dithering over the expense when the real question was one of principle: should Britain, still with some of the finest nuclear physicists in the world, remain a top player in the science business?

To accuse Cern of inefficiencies was easy (and entirely justified). But to try to avoid a decision on grounds of office politics in Lausanne and Geneva was wrong.

Britain, in European partnership, is to continue to probe for the basic truths about the matter that makes up our world. The Government and its agents in the Science and Engineering Research Council must now live with the consequences of having, in effect, picked a winner. These consequences could include painful economies elsewhere in the

Now consider the ESA. Mr Clarke's continual refrain was: why should we get embroiled in expensive French visions of extra-terrestrial gloire? The case for European collaboration on rocketry was made with terrible force the day that Challenger exploded and the only launch vehicles available for scientific and commercial satellites were Russian, Chinese or Ariane.

The case for a British place in space science can be made on several grounds, the existing investment in astronomy which would gradually go to waste, the abandonment of all the potential benefits (most inevitably still un-known) of the last frontier; not least there was the potentially deadening effect on young minds here if British capability in space were to be denied. Having made the decision to go forward, the ESA was the only means open.

But why, Mr Clarke said more than once, does not British business pay? The answer to that is a compound of time horizons, corporate strategy and, perhaps above all, the fact that in no other country (especially the United States) has private capital done more than provide for the exploitation of technologies developed by government agencies.

That phase is now, thankfully, past. Britain has signed up for the ESA's "Horizon 2000" project, having secured an external scrutiny of the accounts. With that decision the Government has given a necessary and valuable focus to scientific research. Britain is a little nearer now to a science policy fit for an enterprising society, still proud to devote significant national resources to the advance and exploitation of physical knowledge.

THE TERRORIST ELECTION

Those who vote in today's Sri Lankan resignation. Neither the Government nor equally in fear of their lives. The two main candidates, at a time when the country desperately needs firm, imaginative leadership, are uninspiring. Even in the grim history of Sri Lanka this is a grim occasion to choose a President.

Violence, first by Tamil separatists and more recently by the extremist Marxists of the Janata Vimukti Peramutha (JVP), has sabotaged the country's hopes of prosperity and its onceproud record of respect for human rights. Few Sri Lankans expect the elections to put an early end to the crisis.

Sri Lanka was once called by Andre Malraux "one of the calmest places on earth". It has long since ceased to be that - and over recent months it has become a charnel-house. Trees beside its beaches, deserted by tourists at what would normally be the height of the season, have been hung with corpses.

Mutilated bodies, some "necklaced" in the South African manner, are dumped in its streets. Beside each have been notices warning passers-by that death is the penalty either depending on the hit squad - for supporting the Government or for supporting the JVP. Those who go to work risk being murdered by the JVP: those who do not, face the death penalty recently introduced for such an offence by the Government.

The country's economy is disintegrating. What makes this all especially tragic is that the separatist Tamil insurrection, which for four years threatened the country's unity, shows fragile signs of eventual settlement.

It is against the basis for that hope, the Indo-Sri Lankan accord of July 1987, that the JVP has founded its campaign against the Government. Exploiting Sri Lankan chauvinism, the JVP demands withdrawal of the Indian peacekeeping troops, brought in under the accord, who have lost more than 700 men in efforts to bring the insurgency under control. It also demands the scrapping both of the accord and of the provincial Tamil councils which have been set up under its provisions.

The real aim of the JVP guerrillas is to bring about the collapse of democracy. In recent weeks, they have made this goal more explicit, adding to their demands the Government's

tions, and those who stay away, are almost either of the two main candidates has shown resolution in the face of these demands. The outgoing President Jayewardene has already tried concessions, offering to include JVP members in his cabinet. He has picked as his United National Party's presidential candidate Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, a man personally opposed to the Indo-Sri Lankan pact.

> Mrs Sirima Bandaranaike, the candidate of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, herself put down with considerable ruthlessness an earlier JVP uprising in the 1970s. But in her efforts to win re-election, she has also sought to accommodate the movement. Only the leader of the small, socialist, People's Party, Mr Ossie Abeygoonasekera, has had the courage to condemn the JVP outright.

> These conciliatory manoeuvres have prompted the JVP to raise the stakes. Backing its threats with murder, it has called for a boycott of the election, and declared a national "curfew" until tomorrow night. In turn, the Government yesterday announced penalties ranging from 10 years' imprisonment to the death sentence for attempts to prevent people from voting. It has also, increasingly, turned a blind eye to murder by its security agencies and the pro-government death squads.

> The race is close, with Mr Premadasa more likely to win if there is a low turn-out. Mrs Bandaranaike, who probably has a greater measure of popular support, poses the greater risk for the country. She has been wholly inexplicit about dealing with India or the JVP and, on the record of her last administration, her re-election would invite financial catastrophe. Mr Premadasa is more likely, after initial efforts at compromise, to confront the

> Sri Lanka's continuing and imperative need is not to appease Sinhalese nationalism but to reconcile its Tamil and Sinhalese communities. Both candidates have promised to renegotiate the Indo-Sri Lankan pact. But this could reignite the Tamil insurgency without appeasing the JVP. The alternative is for the new President to reject compromise with the JVP and devote all the Government's energy to putting down what is indubitably a terrorist movement.

Official secrecy

From Mr Maurice Frankel Sir, Rupert Allason, MP (December 13) suggests that under the new Official Secrets Bill an author who quotes the words of a retired member of the security or intelligence services would escape prosecution.

Spy-book writers should beware: this is not so. Moreover, contrary to repeated Home Office assertions, the author would probably be convicted even if the disclosure did no harm. Any reference, including one pre-viously published, to "insider information about breaking into premises, telephone tapping, or postal interception - if done under a warrant - would be an absolute offence under clause 4(3)

An anthor or journalist who encourages a service member to reveal information to them could be charged as an accessory to the member's offence. The offence is committed when the member gives the information to the author, even if he or she doesn't publish it. Ministers have acknowledged that journalists could be charged in this way.

Any other revelation on the subject which originally comes from an inside source - even an unsubstantiated allegation (specifically covered by clause 1(2)) — could be an offence if it fell within general "class or description" likely to be damaging. The fact that the actual disclosure did no harm or revealed wholly unacceptable behaviour would not keep an author or journalist from conviction.

Few people would suggest that there should be no restrictions in this area. But a reasonable approach for a non-totalitarian society would be to allow a defence for disclosures which in fact do no

Still more important would be to recognise, as the law lords did in the Spycatcher case, that if gross iniquity occurred which could not otherwise be prevented, an official (in Lord Griffiths's words) "should be relieved of his duty of confidence so that he could alert his fellow citizens to the impending dange ing canger.
Yours faithfully,

MAURICE FRANKEL, The Campaign for Freedom of Information, 3 Endsleigh Street, WC1. December 14.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Choice of battle tank for Army

From the Chairman and members of the House of Commons Select Committee on Defence

Sir, Very shortly the Government is to take a decision on the ordering of up to 600 main battle tanks for the British Army. The choice between the Challenger 2. built by the British company Vickers, and a development of the Abrams MIA1, built by General Dynamics of the United States, has been the subject of discussion in your columns (November 24, 29).

As members of the House of Commons Select Committee on Defence, we have consistently urged that decisions on equipment for the Services should be based on an objective comparison of the contenders against criteria of cost, availability and performance. So far as the choice of main battle tank is concerned, this view was most recently stressed in the fifth report from the Defence Com-mittee of Session 1987-88, Procurement of Major Defence Equipment.

When announcing its final decision we expect the Government to set out clearly its judgement of the relative performance of each contender in respect of unit, through-life and spares costs as well as the cost of logistical support; in respect of delivery dates, reliability and maintainability; and in respect of firepower, accuracy, endurance, survivability and other performance factors.

If the final decision is not to buy British, Challenger's substantial export opportunities will be lost. Overseas customers rarely buy equipment rejected by the Armed Forces of the manufacturer's own country. Assurances must be forthcoming that, in the case of Challenger, the Government has taken these opportunities fully into account.

Only thus can the taxpayer, who will ultimately foot the bill, judge the real cost and suitability of the equipment which the Army is to

We have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servants. MCHAEL MATES, Chairman,
JOHN CARTWRIGHT,
WINSTON CHURCHILL, DICK DOUGLAS,
BRUCE GEORGE, BARNEY HAYHOE,
JOHN MEFALL, JOHN MEWILLIAM,
JONATHAN SAYEED, NEIL THORNE,
JOHN WILKINSON, House of Commons. December 14.

Teacher transfer

From Mrs Barbara Bryant Sir, Mr David Hart (December 14) refers to the long-standing problems at Highbury Quadrant school. As chairman of the then governing body I was responsible for a managers' inquiry into grave problems with staff at the school in 1969. The head teacher had no power to hire or fire staff, and the managing body only limited powers.

At the close of what was then the longest disciplinary inquiry ever held in Ilea, the managing body was empowered only to recommend that one member of staff be removed from the school, and two reprimanded. The Ilea could have taken a decision to dismiss the staff from its employ, but in fact placed them in other schools.

It would seem prudent, there fore, particularly in view of changes following the Education Reform Act, to reassess the duties expected of head teachers, and to ensure that they have adequate powers to run schools effectively, and they receive sufficient management training and administrative support to properly exercise these powers. In the absence of positive action the education of children remains at risk and the problems at Highbury Quadrant could fester for another 20 years. Yours faithfully, BARBARA' BRYANT.

46 Oliver's Battery Road, Winchester, Hampshire.

Off-peak? From Mr Mark A. Charnock Sir, Has anybody else noticed that the Government has changed the way it abbreviates the longwinded titles of the regulatory bodies for privatised utilities? The Office of Electricity Regulation is to be known as "Offer".

After "Offel" (telecommunica-tions) and "Ofgas" (gas) one might have expected the new regulatory body to be called "Offel". Surely a much more appropriate name for a dog's breakfast! Yours faithfully, MARK A. CHARNOCK,

Flat 2, Norfolk Mansions, Lithos Road, NW3.

Aids charter

From Professor M. W. Adler Sir, I signed the Aids charter, attacked in your columns by Sir Alfred Sherman (December 14). I am not a "self-important entertainer", but a hospital clinician working daily with the enormous variety of tragic problems that the Aids epidemic is causing to a cross-section of the British population.

doubled in the last year.

If, as I have done, Sir Alfred had listened to the histories of the female student infected on her first episode of sexual intercourse, the infected female shop assistant nicked up in the Blood Transfusion Service with only two lifetime partners, and the nurse infected also after only two partners - all of them recent patients of my department - I think he would not be so quick to condemn all those with HIV infection as part of a "sexual underworld" or "undesirable minorities". The fact is that the number of heterosexuals infected with HIV attending my clinic has

Paying twice for nation's water From Mr Donald S. Akroyd conceivable that we should conceivable that we should con-

and a clean environment.

In the Nene Valley and the adjoining area that price has been paid over the last 35 years by the one of them the largest in Europe. In the last 15 years substantial work has been carried out in extending, improving and rationalising the sewage works and the sewage system.

The loans raised to pay for these or are still being paid off, by the relating to other public utilities, when the investment was made by central Government, or by the consumers on a national basis.

price for potable water and a clean environment, to which will now be added the dividends which will and occupiers have created.

The Stone Cottage, Barnwell.

From Mr Sydney Shenton Sir, Competition is the element most conspicuous for its absence from the Water Bill. There are however, other menacing dis-

Property rights

From Mr R. E. Wraith Sir, If the proposed legislation about property rights in marriage gets off the ground (report, December 9), it will presumably not apply to those married in the Church of England, whose marriage service says forthrightly, "all my worldly goods I with thee share". This covers all the eventualities which trouble the Law Commission.

Perhaps it could be made clear in a preamble to any resulting Act of Parliament that it applied only to non-Anglicans, whom one distinguishes from others since theirs is the Established Church and canon law and statute law ought not be in conflict. Yours faithfully,

R. E. WRAITH Langton Cottage, Eye, Suffolk. December 11.

Bias in the arts

From Mrs O. C. D. Mitchell Sir, I must take issue with Lord Goodman's claim (December 10) that establishments purveying culture are lacking in London outside the West End and Croydon.

My husband and I, as London theatregoers during the last decade have visited the Greenwich Theatre (The White Devil, The Glass Menagerie), the Theatre Royal, Stratford East (Pericles), the Lyric, Hammersmith (The Devil and the Good Lord) and the Almeida, Islington (War Music, The Saxon Share, Oedipus).

With more time and greater energy we could have paid similar visits to Hampstead, the Orange Tree, Richmond, and, indeed, Croydon. Here on our doorstep, in Battersea, we have the Arts Centre and Latchmere Theatre, whose productions are regularly noticed on your pages.

I have mentioned only a few outstanding memories, but there have been many more shows which, with modest ticket prices and friendly welcomes, have made these suburban excursions both enjoyable and worthwhile.

JUDITH M. MITCHELL 100a York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, SW11. December 11.

In the USA, conservative estimates are that there will be 270,000 cases of Aids by 1991. Currently 4 per cent of cases in the States have occurred as a result of heterosexual contact and the proportion of cases occurring in women increases each year, the greatest increase occurring in women infected through heterosexual intercourse. It is just irresponsible to assume, complacently. that our situation is different, or that 270,000 Americans will all come from "minority" communities.

Contrary to Sir Alfred's claim that we are putting those with Aids in a "privileged position", we have done exactly the opposite by discrimination and moralising. Society has all too often brutalised sufferers by a response that includes loss of employment, housing and education, not to mention a lack of sympathy, an expression of which would reassure me that

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motivated hands some of the most

beautiful and, up to now, pro-

tected areas of the country. For a

century and a half now the

Economically, the sell-off will

justify exceptional increases on

the basis of even modest rates of

return, with the addition of ir-

resistible pressures to maximum

It is totally misleading to sug-

gest that only access to private

ownership and capital can provide

the means for the improvement of

standards of supply and disposal. Surely we can take breath and

have another look at the errors

and damage involved in water privatisation. We still have Par-

liament to fall back on, if a

modicum of courage and indepen-

dence can be found in those

Sincerely, SYDNEY SHENTON,

Stockport, Cheshire.

From Mr Edward Hanson

Sir, The Government would have us believe that their idea of

'competition by comparison" be-

tween suppliers of water and

electricity will somehow ensure

fair prices to their tied customers

a concept at once touching and without foundation.

Since each undertaking will

justify charges based on costs peculiar to their area, any

comparison of prices between

undertakings can only be aca-

demic, and quite without any influence on the prices they will

95 The Crescent,

Davenport,

December 9.

development

circles.

Sir, The Prime Minister is, of course, entirely correct in her platitudinous belief that a price has to be paid for potable water

National Trust has been progressively and admirably preserving and caring for areas of outstanding natural beauty for posterity: now construction of three reservoirs, in one fell swoop the clock will be set back and the path of permanent damage embarked upon. push up the price of a natural resource to that of energy. High capital values of the sale will

major projects have been paid off, owners and occupiers of the properties served by these projects, without any Government grants. The projects belong to them in equity, although that ownership is effected and represented corporately in the water authorities, who hold the invest-ments in a fiduciary capacity. The situation is different from that

The Government now intends to appropriate the proceeds of selling off these valuable local investments. The owners and occupiers will continue to pay the have to be paid to those who now invest in the projects those owners

The privatisation of water appears to be most unpopular, even among Government supporters. I suggest that it is also inequitable to the point of being dishonest.

I am, Sir, yours, DONALD S. AKROYD, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. December 8.

Environmentally, it seems in-

Transport troubles From Sir Colin Buchanan

charge. Yours faithfully

December 8.

EDWARD HANSON,

Criffel, Tallantire, Cockermouth, Cumbria.

Sir, Your Spectrum series (December 5-9) about London's transport problems does little to show the ineffective role played by politicians since the end of the war - a story of party rivalry and lost opportunities if ever there was.

Sir Patrick Abercrombie, brilliant exponent of urban affairs, in County of London Plan (1943) and Greater London Plan (1944) set out the essentials for London: adherence to the Barlow Report (1939) with its advice on checking the flow of the population and wealth to London and the South moving a million people out of overcrowded inner London; preventing the build-up of jobs in central London with workers far removed from their homes: looking to the railway system; developing an adequate road system; and much more.

It is interesting today, when everyone belly-aches about the inadequacy of the M25, to recall that Abercrombie said Greater London would need five ring roads. He set it all down for us, but with the warning that the changes required would never come about if left to market forces, but would require continuity of action by successive governments over many years. One politician did perceive the

A plaque for Pound?

From Mr R. J. Clothier Sir, The signatories of Dr Niven's letter (December 15) plead that 'We should be able to dissociate his (Ezra Pound's) later political excesses from what is of perma-nent value in his work".

There is not much disagreement nowadays as to Pound's status as a poet, but his reputation as a man is still, sadly, in the melting pot.

Our children's generation may decide that the taint of fascism can be put down to a madness of later life, and the hint of anti-Semitism suggested by Eliot's letters and the "usury" passages of the Cantos has no substance. I believe they will, but this is not the century for "blue plaques" while such doubts remain. Yours faithfully.

R. J. CLOTHIER, 18 Somerton House, Dukes Road, WC1.

we are all still at least a caring society.
Sir Alfred also claims that some of us are not mobilising traditional measures, such as isolation and compulsory testing, to combat the epidemic. Yet other sexually ac-

quired infections, such as syphilis

and gonorrhoea, were not con-

trolled in this way; heavy-handed

legislation failed and drove the

disease underground. Finally, Sir Alfred questions the use of health budget money to publish the information contained in the Aids charter. But while we have no cure and no vaccine to combat the greatest threat to public health this century, education is the only weapon we have to fight with. If your correspondents are as ill-informed as Sir Alfred then there is need for much more to be spent, not less. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL ADLER,

The Middlesex Hospital, Academic Department of Genito-Urinary Medicine, James Pringle House, Charlotte Street, W1. December 16.

Snags on reform in sentencing

From Professor J. E. Hall Williams

Sir, While welcoming any proposals for bringing about a reform in sentencing, I believe that if the Parole Review report's proposals were implemented (report, November 26) certain adverse consequences would result:

1. All prisoners serving four years or less would be released automatically after serving half the sentence, on a non-selective basis involving mandatory supervision till the three-quarters point. This despite the dismal history of mandatory licences for young offenders and persistent offenders, the difficulty experienced by the probation service in supervising unwilling and unco-operative exprisoners, and the rejection of automatic parole in 1981.

2. Those prisoners serving longer terms will have a chance of parole release after half the term has been served, but not earlier, as now, and on conditions which are more severe than at present, and involving precisely that selection which the report says is wrong in principle.

3. Those prisoners not released on parole will be liable to serve the balance of their sentence if reconvicted during the last third of their term, as will all other

prisoners. 4. There will be more failures (possibly as high as 20 per cent) and more risk to the public.

5. There will be more pressure on the prisons unless there is a simultaneous reduction in the sentencing tariff.

This extremely well-written re-port should not be allowed to pass without criticism of its reactionary implications. Changes were needed to correct the confusion which arose after 1983 in the operation of the parole system, but these are not the changes which Parliament should adopt. Yours faithfully,

J. E. HALL WILLIAMS. The London School of Economics and Political Science. Houghton Street, WC2. December 12.

opportunities, for Lewis Silkin piloted through the legislation to enable these things to happen.

So what has happened? The easy things, like building new towns in green fields have been mostly done; but the difficult things have been the subject of endless squabbling between party politicians, compounded in the case of transport by sheer ignorance of who and what go where and why and how. Now the politicians seem near the point of throwing overboard the very idea that where people live and work and their transport needs is a valid subject for analysis and planning.

It is not as though, since Abercombie, the politicians have lacked professional advice. Any amount of it has been given, most of it pretty consistent on the main issues, but the politicians remain tied up in their own prejudices. What irks me as a professional is that when something goes wrong as a result of years of in-comprehension and under-funding, as at King's Cross loaded beyond capacity in over-loaded London, it is the loyal hardstretched professionals who have to pay the price with their careers. Yours truly, COLIN BUCHANAN,

Appletree House, Lincombe Lane, Boars Hill, Oxford.

Ryan extradiction

From Sir Andrew Gilchrist Sir, In your leading article on Ireland (December 14) you write of the Irish Attorney General: Deprived of the argument of technical deficiency, he created a fresh ground for refusal. He is charged to look after the rights of all Irish citizens, and this must include assessing the likelihood of a fair trial should the defendant be returned.

True. But Mr Murray is a politician, and he would be a very poor politician indeed if, in assess ing the likelihood of a fair trial, he did not take into full account the long-standing and recently intens-ified opinion of the common people of Ireland that a fair trial for an Irishman in England is in no way to be relied upon.

The recognition and management of unpleasant facts is an essential feature of diplomacy. Yours faithfully, ANDREW GILCHRIST,

Arthur's Crag, Hazelbank, by Lanark. December 14.

Tucking in

December 5.

From Professor Peter Rickard Sir, In reply to Mr Marshall-Chervet's enquiry (December 5) about a suitable verbal encouragement to those about to partake of Christmas dinner, might I suggest the remark allegedly made to his English guests by a well-intentioned Spanish host: "Much good may it do you!". Yours faithfully, PETER RICKARD, Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

From Mrs Patricia Morris Sir, The Scottish admonition to "stick in till ye stick oot" is entirely suitable for Christmas. Yours faithfully, PATRICIA MORRIS, 4 West Mall, Clifton, Bristol, Avon. December 5.

MONDAY PAGE

Escaping the debts of despair

With consumer credit standing at a record £25 billion this Christmas,

Manchester is offering debt counselling

to those with serious financial

problems. It could become a

national service, Peta Levi reports

ebt is one of the last taboo subjects left in Britain. As many as 300,000 families owe money (each debt averaging £1,500, excluding mortgages) and the total owed in consumer credit now stands at £25 billion.

Not only are we slipping deeper into debt, but the type of people finding themselves in the red has changed. "More professional people are getting into debt but are reluctant to admit it," says Julia McClaren, producer of a recent TV programme on debt. She spent several months researching the subject of debt and found that consumer groups, such as the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, have noticed a change in the profile of a typical debtor. Once poor, probably working class, living in the North and with a debt of a few hundred pounds, the average debtor is now a professional or middle-class person, owing thousands of pounds and living anywhere, including the South.

Janet Ford, senior lecturer in sociology at Loughborough University and author of *The Indebted Society*, says: "There are straws in the wind which suggest that debt is an increasing problem for the middle classes. Studies that have looked at people being summoned to county courts for debt in 1986 compared with 1981 show that more of them are now drawn from junior professional and skilled workers, instead of manual working housebolds."

ing households."

The temptations offered by our credit-boom society are often difficult to resist. Moreover, people make mistakes. Anyone can incur debts, but it is not easy to find help to escape them. Many refuse to face up to the problem—resulting in a loss of self-esteem, and sometimes even attempted suicide.

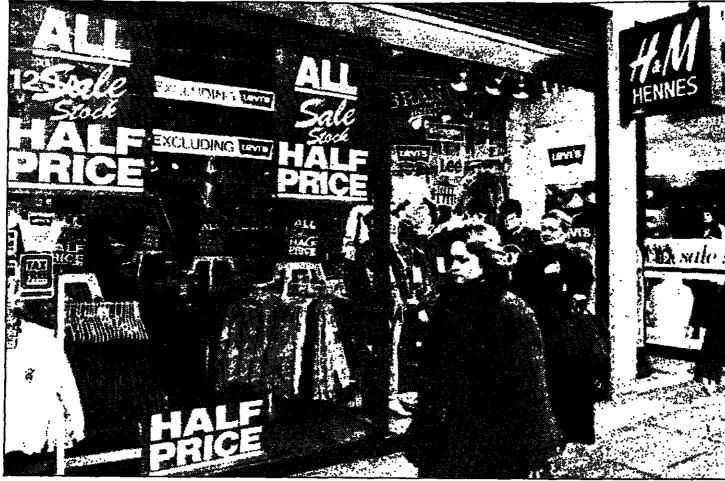
Ruth, a magistrate, found herself with financial problems when her husband died and part of the family income disappeared. Just as she was recovering, her mother died. These two events, happening so quickly, were devastating. When her son moved away and she had no one to turn to, she lost hope. She started spending and too late found that she had bought more than she could pay for.

To help people like Ruth, Stuart Giles, a 40-year old debt counsellor with Manchester City Council, has started an independent self-help group called Support in Debt (SID). "When you are in a responsible job, the hardest thing in the world is to admit that something is wrong," he says. "People in debt are frightened and worried. They usually want to become creditworthy, but don't know where to turn for help."

Many Citizens' Advice Bureaux give financial advice: in Cheadle, Stockport, the CAB manager, Bridget Franklin, says helping with debt problems is one of the major factors in her workload, and it has increased over the last five years. But Giles goes beyond simply giving budgeting advice to look at the problems which caused the debt. His group also provides support while people struggle, often for many years, to become creditworthy.

Facing up to debt, especially for professional people, is particularly hard. Debt is a subject as personal as sex, and society attaches a stigma to it. A great deal of secrecy surrounds it, even between husband and rife.

Robert Smith, a 35-year-old residential social worker from Manchester, married with an eight-year-old daughter, says: "I didn't tell my wife the extent of the problem; I didn't want her to worry and I thought I could cope.



Buy now, pay later: pre-Christmas sales are a new temptation to put it on plastic now - and the middle classes are the new debtors

However, when companies started ringing me at work, threatening to take me to court, I realized something must be done. Another difficulty in facing the problem is that I feared colleagues would ridicule me — how can you help others if you can't manage your

Technically Smith feels that he has been in debt since his first mortgage 10 years ago. A turning point in a downward spiral of more serious debt occurred four years ago when his house did not sell for the expected price. This coincided with a job move during which he retained his salary but lost his bonuses. He now realizes he subsequently tried to buy a new identity by creating an ivory tower at home. This was partly because he lacked self-esteem, as his job was not developing and the social services profession was not well

'I can't tell you the relief, it was like someone suddenly opening the door of my prison'

As a professional person trying to cope with his debts, Smith found he had peculiar disadvantages. For instance, banks, credit institutions and building societies exacerbated the problem as they were prepared to extend credit, offering a second mortgage and a bigger loan. This resulted in increased interest rates, thereby enlarging the debt. Feeling desperate ("I could have run away or done something drastic"), he went to a Citizens Advice Bureau and received the unhelpful advice that

as a social worker he ought to have known better.

known better.

He crept into Manchester Town Hall (for fear of being seen) to visit Giles, whom he had known some years earlier. "Stuart immediately took the pressure off me. He worked out a budget, setting aside money for housekeeping and all the necessities of life. The £60 left over each month was then divided between all the creditors, one only getting 30p each month. I can't tell you the relief, it was like someone suddenly opening the door of my

prison." Until then Smith had concentrated on trying to meet creditors bills first, which sometimes left the family with nothing to eat

Smith was encouraged to attend group meetings of SID and was relieved to find other professionals there — solicitors, civil servants and a tax inspector. After 18 months he is now the group's co-ordinator.

The Smiths know that it will take them about 10 years to pay off their debts. Christmas is a difficult time because of the external pressures to spend, but Smith has saved carefully throughout the year so that he has been able to buy "adequate" presents for his wife and daughter and there will be enough food and drink for a few good meals over Christmas.

His wife, Ann, says: "Before Robert admitted the seriousness of the debt problem, I knew something was wrong. The strain was affecting his health and he was becoming snappy with me and our daughter. Now that we are in control of the situation and discuss money freely we have peace of mind."

Debts have changed their lifestyle in that they do not have holidays, do not eat out or go to the theatre or cinema, and eat chicken instead of beef. Ann says: "Before I buy anything I always ask myself, do I want it or need it? If I just want it, I forget it, if I need it, we sit down and discuss whether to buy it. There are times when I get depressed and we both feel like saying 'let's blow it,' but then we realize we wouldn't just be letting ourselves down, we would be letting down the SID group."

iles says that people do not become compulsive spenders without a reason. There are many causes, such as an unhappy childhood, child abuse, job insecurity and frustration. About 30 people go to SID's fortnightly group meetings in Manchester. Open meetings are held regularly, when people can go and learn what SID does. Currently Giles is training 34 volunteers and plans to initiate a course to train people to run self-help groups, as some members of their management committee want to start groups in other parts of the country.

SID has a good relationship with the registrar at Manchester County Court and helps debtors prepare their financial statements. Smith says: "When a credit company takes someone to court, the debtors are petrified they will be punished, but the registrar is an arbitrator and it is helped if a case is logically presented."

The group has sent a report to the Lord Chancellor requesting a meeting to discuss funding of a debt counselling service attached to courts in the Greater Manchester area. If the project proves successful, the aim would be to set up an independent national debt counselling service.

• For further information, write (enclosing SAE) to SID, 1 Linksfield. Denton, Manchester M34 3TE (tel 061 320 8622 or 061 224 7189). The Indebted Society: Credit and Default in the 1980s, hy Janet Ford, is published by Routledge (£12.95).



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MONDAY PAGE

Proving two is company

Has the dismissal of George and Liz Davies destroyed the cult of the couple? Andrea Waind reports

Next empire after a bloody boardroom battle has left a question mark hanging over the Davies success formula of employing teams of dedicated couples to boost the business.

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One of George Davies's most important strategies was what he called the "ark prin-ciple". At its most successful stage he relied upon 14 cou-ples, including top design, catering and transport teams, a public relations consultancy, plus his wife, the company's co-founder and design direc-tor, whom he met when they both worked at Pippa Dec

He gave his wife much of the credit for Next's success: Liz has a finer level of taste than I have. I would always have been adequate in business but it's Liz who has the vital spark." Her influence could be seen in everything from the hi-tech head office at Enderby in Leicestershire, the layout of the shops and style of the goods on offer to the couple's £1 million, 12thcentury mansion in nearby

Every morning at 6am Davies leapt from his fourposter, which is swathed in Next fabrics, to consult the computer showing the daily returns of each of his shops and the FT index. He demanded the same level of commitment from his 1,500strong workforce.

"The couples philosophy worked for the company because Next culture is all consuming," said Andrew Mossnan, who worked on the Next Directory, and is married to Frances, a Next design

he sudden departure of George. I certainly did. I met George and Liz socially through Frances before applying to join the company."

One shocked couple who before the dismissal of the Davies had each happily worked a 60 hour week, spent last week considering their future. "Meetings often started at 5pm and went on through the night. Next de-pends on that level of commitment. We were willing to do it for George — he was a guru for most of us. But we will we do it for our new bosses? They

may be financial wizards, but

have they got what it takes to

lead us through what looks like being a difficult future?" There is a feeling that the pioneering style that Next created is on the wane, but such is the regard in which Davies is held, employees were confident he would lead them in brave new directions. The board could not see that Davies had a mid-success crisis, like the one Sir Terence Conran survived, said one staff member.

With shares slumping from 292p in January to 133p last Friday, the commitment shown by one couple in junior management will be needed for any revival in fortune: "We work long hours, we rarely see each other except at weekends which we spend looking round Next shops in other cities. I was a Next Merit Award winner and the prize was a fortnight in Mauritius touring Next factories. We go to sleep dreaming of the Next

Top Next designers spend weeks away from their parthelm such devotion brought hine and if it doesn't work out its own rewards. After Frances we'll look elsewhere."



The dynamic due: George and Liz Davies were just one of 15 Next couples married to the job Mossoan had spent three

weeks away from home select-ing cloth, Davies had her husband flown to Paris for a champagne weekend. "When I came out of the Paris Next shop he was waiting in a taxi." The couple also holidayed in the South of France with the Davies: "We spent most of the time discussing fashions and future directions. It makes for immediate decision-taking because you're so close to the

George Davies insisted on using first names and main-taining a family atmosphere. Staff dress in Next clothes, dine in the quality restaurant and drink after hours in the Next bar. He bought the Red Houseas a nearby retreat for designers and buyers whose long hours make commuting to distant homes impossible. "Our best friends are within the company," said one couple. "It is like a big family. We all had such a level of commitment. We'll probably ners at furniture, fabric and continue, we just have to wait shoe conventions around and see how the new regime Europe. With Davies at the treats us. It's all a very fine

about the type of employees who queue by the doors at 5pm, and impatient at questions of life beyond work. "What else is there? Outside work Liz and I talk shop all the time. Retailing is a very fearful business. If I have a bad set of figures on Saturday night we talk it through."

A typical weekday evening would be spent discussing new ventures with other couples eround the mock street of Next shops at the heart of the company headquarters, fol-lowed by a working supper at the Casa Romana in Leicester. Employees describe Davies as

Davies was always scathing a terrific motivator: "The most enthusiastic about every new project," said one, "and the last to leave."

Davies was fond of saying that Next broke all the old rules. "It's a business built on trust - we are not big on things like worrying about what people spend on trips. We don't have unions, we all work together. Liz and I working together created an atmosphere where it was acceptable for husbands and wives to work together." Now the couple-teams are waiting to see whether that will vanish

Playing old games

Toytown has gone traditional and thrifty, with dolls and soldiers running pricey hi-tech games out of the nursery

year, there has been a quiet, parent-powered revolution in toyland. Both in Britain and in the transatiantic home of the hitech toy, the United States, sales have been slack for £100plus electronics but encouraging for the good old-fashioned favourites that mums and dads cut their teeth on. "The average spend is around £16 this year," says Hamleys' public relations manager, Jo Grummitt. "There has definitely been a move away from

"Parents have simply realized that a \$100 toy doesn't give 10 times the play value of a \$10 toy," says Susan Butenhoff, spokeswoman for Lewis Galoob Toys in the US. Galoob's Bouncing Babies, seven-inch, battery-operated dolls, are best-sellers at \$10 each, as are its Micro Machines — very popular in Britain, and with sales of more

than 100 million worldwide. There has been a return to what is known in the trade as gender specific" toys, with girls going for Barbie (who, at 30, is older than many of their mothers) and boys for Action Man, GI Joe and the like. Traditional dolls, soft toys, kitchen sets and Lego are all selling extremely well.

Too many retailers - and customers - got stung by hi-tech toys that did not live up to their promise or their price-

The industry learnt the hard way - with many "New Age" toy firms in Silicon Valley, California going bust - that there is no use in developing blockbusters without the necessary building blocks for success. Basic toys mean steady - if unspectacular growth, and many manufacturers welcome this after years

"Our son was like a caged animal.

Barnardo's turned him into

a little boy."



Dolls rule: little girls go back to their grandmothers' favourites

A return to 'gender specific' toys means girls are going for

Barbie and boys for Action Man

Mattel's Captain Power the electronic game that allows your television to make toys "come to life" in the living room ~ has been among the worst casualties of the revolution in play values, and few mourn him.

What is selling wonderfully is Matter's Barbie (from £5.99 to £11.99), Kenner Parker's Real Ghostbusters - which sold out at Hamleys and most toy shops long before Christmas - costing from £3.34 to about £40 for the complete Fire Station; good old Scalextric remote-controlled cars (less than £40), Paddington Bears (from £3.99), and

cuddly Floppits hand puppets (between £11 and £14). But the top selling item at Hamleys has been the Neighbours board game at £12.99. "And there's been a great revival of the battery operated walkie-talkie systems for £23.99," Grummitt says, "with chemistry sets at £12.99 and £19.99 and a little Shaylette colouring board at between £2 and £3.25 also

among our best-sellers." Tiny toy soldiers are simply marching out of Hamleys but this is no indication of children's tastes. "When we had a competition to win some over the summer almost all the entries were from men," Grummitt reports.

And at F.A.O. Schwartz, New York's top toy store where queues stretch around the block and a doorman dressed like a Grenadier Guard keeps out the crowds acres of window display space has been given over to a toy that only the most elderly American parents will recall: Howdy Doody: a character who enjoyed a television series back in the 1950s.

Victoria McKee

Seasonal misgivings

At this time of year I oftenremember, with fondness, rather dotty ex-sister-in-law of mine who was a mistress of the art of misgiving. She gave new meaning to the expression "generous to a fault" as her extravagance knew no bounds, as did her knack of presenting her loved ones with gift-wrapped non-goodies that they needed as much as a bad case of shingles.

One Christmas, obviously forgetting that I take a size 10 and dress exclusively in black cotton jersey, she bought me a diradl skirt in a wishy-washy hbe silk size 16. Since I did not know any giantesses with a taste for pastel colours, the skirt ended up as a set of cushion covers, and there were still several metres of fabric left over. On another occasion she presented my husband, who was recuperating from a by-pass operation and had been put on a low fat, low protein diet, with a delicious salami, glistening with

I forgive her. It is so much



my stumbling upon something that I know someone of my acquaintance will loathe like poison. I think gift manufacturers are aware of this too. I have recently seen an ad for something called a Be My Guest Restaurant Gift Certificate which carries the slogan "This season, see that your people get their just desserts" which is ambiguous to say the least. The Be My Guest scheme allows the donor to pay for a friend to eat in a restaurant. Even now, I can hear a lot of people thinking that this would be just the thing for dear old Jim who spends evening after evening dining off tomato soup and

As they slip the Be My Guest Certificate inside a easier to find the absolutely holly-sprigged card, it does not wrong present than the obvi- occur to them that Jim lives ously right one and not a the way he does because he shopping day goes by without hates the bother of decipher-

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Rado 'La Coupole', a new watch with stunning, trend design, as if it came from another world.

ing a menu featuring things called arigula and tahini, hates not being able to read a book while he cats and hates being in the same room as a tableful of merchant bankers and their adies who are discussing the British Steel share issue. Giving him the chance of eating in good restaurant is like giving him the chance to walk

the plank.

Since people's desires are limited (Dear Santa, The only thing I want is a man who will read aloud to me whole chapters of Love in the Time of Cholera while I am finishing off my patchwork), it becomes harder and harder to invent gift ideas that will part a fool from his money. Every year, Private Eye presents a double page of "joke" ads as part of Gnome's Xmas Mail Mart but this year the "products" don't seem as weird as they usually do because of their marked resemblance to the real gifts featured in catalogues such as Premiere, which arrive with every batch of junk mail. For instance, Gnome promotes the "Pizz-O-Laze", which "cuts pizza cleanly into tidy easy-to-eat portions, leaving no messy melted cheese to spill on to expensive clothing. Using a BFB9 Neutron Laser, Pizz-O-Laze cuts through regular, deep pan and thin crust varieties without any

need for adjustment." This is hardly more fanciful than Premiere's "Maelstrom" "a plasma sculpture that is responsive to both sound and touch: a glass sphere containing an antenna which generates fluorescent ions. These react with extremely rare gases to create blazing, coloured cascades of plasma particles." Just the thing to give some-body who suffers from nervous headaches.

My favourite gift idea this

season is the electric envelope opener, designed for those hothouse flowers who constantly sigh "I can hardly find the strength to open an envelope". But they are not likely to receive this handy gadget. Such is the spirit of malice and malevolence that infests ynletide that the people who are most likely to get an envelope opener in their Christmas stockings, inscribed with a card which says, "I thought you might find this useful" are those hunks of men who like to boast that they can rip telephone directories in half with their

"Alex was caged within himself.

withdrawn and terribly disruptive. It

was frustration that he couldn't hear

us, he couldn't talk to us. "He had two moods, one where he was rushing around and breaking things, the other where he would never leave my side.

"He shattered the back window twice in a few weeks - he just didn't understand it was wrong:

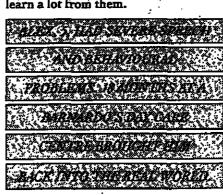
"I used to get up in the mornings and think 'How am I going to cope'. Then his speech therapist suggested we see a Barnardo's Day Care Centre."

The aim of Barnardo's Day Care Centres is to care for children between 2 and 5 with special needs. They may be at risk in some way, or have specific disabilities.

"At first I said no, because it was admitting that something was wrong with our child, but you'll do anything if it is going to help."

We try to maintain a ratio of one carer to three or four children, but our

parents are the experts. They know their children better than we ever can, so they're always welcome, and we learn a lot from them.



"My immediate and lasting impression when we first arrived was that I no longer had to apologise for Alex they'd seen it all before. Every child is accepted for what they are, it's as if no behaviour could disrupt or dismay the Barnardo's staff."

It's a 50/50 operation with the parents. An individual profile is drawn up, identifying the areas of development for each child. We discuss their progress constantly and the notes and plans are always available for parents

"When Alex went in he had a vocabulary of 20 words if you listened hard. He was hard to handle, and not much pleasure to be with. Now he's a happy and lovable little boy, and his vocabulary is huge.

Alex spent eighteen months coming to the Day Care Centre, and he's now in a proper school.

"His metamorphosis is almost complete. We recently attended a christening, and for the first time I didn't have to slip out of the church with him. I watched my son, and was proud of him.

"If it wasn't for Barnardo's I don't know what would have happened to us.



If you'd like further information or would like to make a donation, write to: Barnardo's, Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex IG6 1OC.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 17: The Queen was
represented by His Excellency
Sir David Wilson (Governor
and Commander-in-Chief of Hong Kong) at the Memorial Service for Sir David Trench (formerly Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hong Kong) which was held in St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, this

morning. KENSINGTON PALACE December 17: The Prince and Princess of Wales attended a "Musicians for Armenia" con-cert at the Barbican Centre in aid if the Armenian earthquake

Sir John Riddell, Bt, was in

The Princess Royal is to be President of the Council for National Academic Awards.

Birthdays today

Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, 60; Lord Dulverton, 73; Dame Catherine Hall, former general secretary, Royal College of Nursing, 66; Brigadier LJ. Har-ris, cartographer, 78; Mr Gor-don Jackson, actor, 65; Sir William Murrie, civil servant, 85; the Marquess of Owenstury, 59; Count Edward Queensbury, 59; Count Edward Raczynski, former president, Polish government-in-exile, 97; the Right Rev Dr G.E. Reindorp, former Bishop of Salisbury, 77; Sir David Rowe-Ham, former Lord Mayor of London, 53; Lord Swaythling, 90; Sir John Tilney, former MP,

Today's royal

engagements Prince and Princess Michael of Kent will attend the 1988 Olympia International Show Jumping Championships at 6.50.

Princess Michael of Kent will attend the Variety Club of Great Britain Preview of the Jim Davidson Pantomime at the Dominion Theatre at 2.30.

Memorial service

The Right Rev Felix Arnott The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Right Rev Siruon Phipps who concelebrated Requiern Eucharist for the Right Rev Felix Arnott in Chichester Cathedral on Sat-

The Bishop of Chichester was the principal concelebrant. The Right Rev Edward Knapp-Fisher, also representing the cochairmen and members of the First Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, gave an address. Canon Roger Greenacre, Chancellor, rep-resenting the Dean of Chichester, the Archdeacon of Chichester and the Very Rev Gilbert Thurlow also took part in the service.

Dr Roger Lane, brother-in-law, read the lesson. The Bishop-of Gibraltar in Europe was represented by Mr Peter Storrs.

Service luncheon 7th (Durham) Battalion The

Light Infantry
Lieutenant Colonel IJ. Sawers
and Officers of the 7th (Durham) Battalion The Light Infantry dined in at Redesdale Camp, Northumberland, on Saturday. Lieutenant-General Sir Peter de la Billiere, Colonel Commandant the Light Division, was the principal guest and Major A.W. Chariton presided.

Aidan Nichols

Lessons of the Lefebvre affair

Schisms, like heresies, may contain a truth. What lessons might the Roman Catholic Church draw from the Lefebvre débacle? One it might learn is that of the continuing potential of the idea of the Christian State.

The heart of Lefebvre's quarrel with the Second Vatican Council (1962-5) lies in its "Declaration of Religious Freedom", described by him as the "true apple of discord", whence flow all his other problems with the conciliar reform.

According to Lefebvre, the council though paying lip-service to the earlier concept of the confessional State, effectively pronounced that citizens as citizens, even in an over-whelmingly Catholic country, need not concern themselves with divine revelation, which affects only their private lives.

So all the church should seek from civil society is freedom of action in the propagation of its own faith. It does not ask that the State in any way under-writes its own beliefs and ethics as true and just. By thus emancipating the individual conscience from the objective demands of Christian revelation so Lefebvre holds - the council implicitly introduced the liberal principle of private judgement into the life of the Church, as well as into the (now) neutral realm of the State, and thus opened the way to the à la carte style of pick-and-choose approach to Catholic doctrine and discipline which is to some degree a feature of the post-conciliar Church.

In fact, the Declaration on Religious Freedom, whilst insisting that, because of the intrinsic dignity of the human person, even the erroneous conscience and its manifestations should be immune from civil interference (except where the common good or "public order" is at stake), did not by any means intend to dismantle the idea of the Christian State.

In retrospect, however, it can be admitted that it may have been excessively coy on the topic - understandably, given, for instance, the petty restrictions which Protestant churches suffered in its name in Franquist Spain. In the course of this century, the

liberal State - that State which defines itself by its equidistance from all religions and wider value systems - has maintained itself only with difficulty against such forces as Marxism-Leninsm, Fascism and Islamic fundamental-

Who knows what Godless and antihumane ideologies may not surface in the future? With all necessary safeguards for the (conscientious) rights of minorities, should not the members of a largely Christian society, when acting as a civil community, seek to recognize and realize the will of God, both natural and revealed, just as they do in private individuals?

Some of the most influential voices in contemporary Catholicism seem to echo this question. The Pope appeals for the European nations to recover their spiritual roots in Christian civilization; Cardinal Ratzinger, the papacy's doc-trinal guardian, calls on the State to admit the public relevance of Christian tradition in its law-making Latin American liberation theology, with its reluctance to distinguish the profane duties of the citizen from the obligations of the believer, agrees with them at least

Yet, the differences between them show, reassuringly, that, even when there is broad agreement on the essence of a Christian State, there can be considerable disagreement over the form which public policy should take within it. There must be room for a plurality of political options within the believing community, and a fortiori, for those outside it.

A confessing State must not be a confessional State - with all the latter's overtones of sectarianism and repression. By this distinction, wavering. supporters of Lefebvre may be assured of the fundamental continuity in the Church's social doctrine, and detached from their dependence on such dubious ideal commonwealths as Salazar's Portugal or Pinochet's Chile.

The other lesson which the Catholic Church can draw fron the Lefebvre affair concerns, as Cardinal Hume with, his Benedictine heart was quick to surmise, the worship of a Christian society - for the quality of that worship is what shows us the vision of the Godworld relationship which such a society

The historic Latin Mass was, in its literary, musical and dramatic totality, the highest achievement of Latin Christian civilization. It was a paradigm (not, certainly, the only one) of what a graced culture can achieve. Its replacement by a simplified vernacular httpgy was carried out with such lack of feeling for what divine worship demands as to suggest that one or more of C.S. Lewis's Screwtage demons had been at work.

Allowance must be made for the fact that most Western vernaculars are now better suited to the needs of technology and instant communication than to the poet's dwelling in the house of being and for the partial alrophy of musical composition for the liturgy in the Roman church. Yet it was hardly necessary that the Western rite be reduced to so Genevan an austerity in rhetoric and gesture.

Lefebvre is not unjustified in fearing that, in such a liturgical climate, the two great ideas which have sustained Catholic eucharistic devotion (and so Catholics themselves), namely, the eucharistic sacrifice and the real presence, will, insome places, survive only by a moral miracle. Much work will have to be done, and sometimes re-done, by translators, musicians, catechists and preachers, if the Sanctissimum, this Blessed Sacrament, is to regain that symbolic position which allows its full meaning and awesome reality to be

The Tridentine rite, now made once again generally available to those faithful who wish it, should help to set standards in this, but it is the revised liturgy, with its ampler possibilities for active participation, which will remain the staple diet of parishes and religious houses and so must become the ultimate beneficiary. It must be made the worthy successor of its predecessors, and not their poor relation.

Aidan Nichols, OP, is a Dominican priest of Blackfriars, Cambridge.

JAMES MORGAN



Mr Robert Morley, the actor, enjoying a portrait of Dame Gladys Cooper, his mother-in-law, playing the Second Mrs Tanqueray in 1922, in the new Gladys Cooper har at The Playhouse theatre, Loudon, yesterday. The distinguished actress was manager of the Playhouse from 1927-33 and this year is the centenary of her birth.

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss I. Delves Broughton
The engagement is announced between Detmar, elder son of the late Mr Jonathan Blow, of Hilles House. Stroud, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Helga Blow Ratna Gopal, and Isabella, eldest daughter of Sir Evelyn Delves Broughton. Bt, and Helen Lady Delves Broughton.

Mr P.C. Morgan-Witts and Miss Boughton.

Mr M.J. Farr and Miss B. Morenes Solis The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Deter Pepler, son of the late David G.P. Norton and of Mrs David Anna. danghter of Herr F. Tomforde and the late Frau Tomforde, of Stade, West Germany.

Mr P.C. Morgan-Witts and Miss P. Morgan-

Mr P.C. Morgan-Witts and Miss D.M. Miles

The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs Max Morgan-Witts, of Kensington, and Davina, only daughter of Sir Peter and Lady Miles, of Mill House, Southrop.

and Miss M-J. Isaac
The engagement is announced between Jonathan William, younger son of Mr and Mrs Derrick Attwood, of Shoreham, Kent, and Mary-Jane, elder daughter of Mrs Betty Isaac, of Amberley, Gloucestershire, and the late Mr John Isaac. Mr J.R.B. Blake and Miss L. Heisters

and Miss L. Heisters
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr Richard Blake and the late Mrs Gillie Blake, formerly of Ockham, Surrey (now of the Mill House, Pitchcombe, Gloucestershire), and Lia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Daumants Heisters, of London, W3 and Lilbourne, Warwickshire, Mr C.B. Bodine and Miss S.M. Jones-Parry

and Miss S.M. Jones-Parry The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Mrs M.B. Rossini, of New York, and the late Mr Earl C. Bodine, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mrs Gillian Jones-Parry, of Boxford, Newbury, Berkshire, and the late Captain

T.P.M. Jones-Parry. Captain S.J. Cox, RA and Captain J.N. Crittenden, QARANC

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr J.C. Cox, of Burrington, Devon, and Mrs D.M. Cox, of Rustington, West Sussex, and Joanna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Crittenden, of Mr S.W. Edwards

and Miss P.M. Questler The engagement is announced between Sean William, elder son of Mr and Mrs G.W. Edwards. and Paula Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.P. Questier,

and Miss G.P. Ferguson Mr and Mrs Gordon Ferguson, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, are delighted to an-nounce the engagement of their daughter Georgina Paulette, to Marcus, only son of Mr and Mrs Detek Marshall Foster, also of Kingston. The marriage is to

Dr J.C. Selter and Dr S. Weir

Mr N.L. Walden and Miss H.E. Gill

Church news

Appointments

The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.R. Salter, of Churchdown, Gloucester, and

Susanne, younger daughter of Mrs D.T. Weir, of Sawston, Cambridge, and Mr D.M. Weir,

and Miss H.E. Gill
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs D.L. Walden, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs LSt C.H. Gill, of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

The Rev John P Whilwell, Priest-in-charge, Maner Park (Liffe lifterd), St Michael and All Angels, diocese Chemetord: to be Reches, same parish, same docese. The Rev Paul Winnett, Curate, St Nicholas, Numeston, diocese Cov-entry: to be Curate, Loughborough Emissianel and St Mary, Nanhantan, diocese Leicester.

Resignations and retirements

The Nev Derek G Binke, Vicar, Holme SI Cuthbert, diocese Carlisie: 10 retire

on December 31.

The Rev Canon Richmond H Gurney.

Vicar. Grouby Revensiverith, and an Honorary Canon or Cartisie Cathedral, stocese Cartisie: to retire in Tennery 1968.

Malton. Glocese York to retire a

Easter 1909. The Ven David Fleming resigned ar

The King's School

The Governors have appointed Mr Richard Barton, at present Headmaster of Taverham Hall

Canterbury

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take place in the New Year. Mr O.N. Haskell

The engagement is announced between Jacqueline Karen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.G.A. Millns, of Hayton, Nottinghamshire, and Oliver Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs H.H. Haskell, of Reading, Berkshire.

Mr M. Keaveny and Miss A. Walker The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs John Keaveny, of Bedford, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Walker, of Bedford.

Mr R.N. Lawrence and Dr J. Morris The engagement is announced between Roy N. Lawrence, FRCS, only son of Mr and Mrs

R.N. Lawrence, of Newlands, Glasgow, and June Morris, MRCGP, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Morris, of Coatbridge, Lanarkshire. and Miss C.F. Eassie

The engagement is announced between Sean, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Ronald Lynch of Weybridge, Surrey, and Caro-line Frances, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Eassie, of Coombe Meadows, Sunninghill, Berkshire.

Mr D.P. Major
and Miss K.E. Muss
Mr D.P. Major proudly announces his engagement to Miss K.E. Moss on her 21st birthday.
Thanks, congratulation, all my love, David.

The Governors have appointed
Mr Richard Barton, at present
Fitzgerald, of 21 Burgh Street,
Carrol Fitzgerald and the late
Mrs Cornelia Claiborne Fitzgerald, to Miss Rebecca Rose
Fraser, of 52 Campden Hill
Square, London, W8, eldest Mr D.P. Major and Miss K.E. Moss Mr D.P. Major proudly an-

comes to light

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

apostuve and often comic Meanwhile, the police efforts by the Norwegian police to retrieve it.

The resistive of the comic of the police of th subject of seven months of no idea it was there"

Paul Enger, a 21-year-old with gambling debts of £200,000. was part of a stag party prank.

"He was being threatened by The drama ended in his debtors, and decided to September when Mr Enger steal the painting" said the gave himself up. "Vampire" museum's director, Mr Alf, will now be part of the Boc, yesterday.

On the painting of Echanos 22

On the night of February 23, sary of Munch's birth 125 Enger drove to the museum, years ago.

Mr G.R. Elliott and the Hou Sophia Sackville-

The marriage took place on Saturday in Knole Chapel of Mr

Sammay in Knote Chapet of Mr and Mrs Robert Elliott, of Livile Ashley Farm, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, to the Hon Sophia Sackville-West, daughter of Lord Sackville, of Knole, Sevenoaks, Kent, and of the late Lady Sackville.

Lady Sackville. The Right Rey Dr R.D. Say and Prebendary G. Irvine officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and Mr John Forshall was best man.

A recention was held at the

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr K.H. Fitzgerald and Miss R.R. Fraser The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the

Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, of Mr Edward Hamilton

'Vampire", a ghoulish paint- broke a window, took the

The painting, which shows a appeared to be the painting in that the painting - a fake -

Munch's Vampire

ing by the Norwegian artist painting and fled.

Edvard Munch worth £1 mil
"He hid it in one of his lion, has been returned safely gambling saloons", said Mr to the Munch Museum in Boe. "Then he left it in a Oslo after being stolen last parked van somewhere, and February. It has been the people were walking past with

young woman sinking her the possession of a group of teeth into the neck of a young revellers packing their bearded man, was stolen by friend into a train. It emerged

A reception was held at the

House of Lords, by courtesy of the Earl of Longford, and the honeymoon will be spent in

Emma Yseuli Kenworthy, youngest daughter of the Hon Basil Kenworthy, of Kensington, and Mrs Chioè Kenworthy, of London, SW15. The Rev B. Bluthe officients assisted assisted by the

and Miss E.Y. Kesworthy

Budapest.

Mr P.S. Kent

OBITUARIES

RIGHT REV CYRIL EASTHAUGH

Bishop who opposed union with Methodists

The Right Rev Cyril Easthaugh, MC, who was Bishop of Peterborough from 1961 to 1972 and a strong opponent of proposals for uniting the Church of England and the Methodist Church, died on December 16 at the age of 90.

He spoke out against many of the changes in moral and social values which marked the decade of the 1960s in particular and which he found disturbing.

He was a consistent opponent of the proposed Anglican-Methodist unity scheme and played a leading part in its defeat in the Church Assembly, yet he encouraged bold experiments in pastoral cooperation within his Peterborough diocese, including a scheme at Desborough, which was the first place in Britain to be designated an official area of ecumenical experiment, and in the creation of an ecumenical parish at Danesholme, Corby.

Danesholme, Corby.

Cyril Eastaugh - he adopted the spelling Easthaugh in 1983 - was born in South London on December 22, 1897, the youngest in a family of 13 children. He won a scholarship to Archbishop Tenison's Grammar School, then housed in Leicester Square, and at the age of 17 joined the Army. He was subsequently commissioned in the South Staffordshire Regiment and served in France: he was wounded at Cambrai and was only 19 when he won the

Military Cross. He worked in business for a time after the war, before deciding to seek ordination. He then read theology at Christ Church, Oxford and trained at Cuddesdon

the Divine, Kennington for two years before returning to Cuddesdon firstly as Chaplain and later as Vice-Principal. Easthaugh was a high churchman and by this time bishop.

was becoming a prominent member of the Anglo-Catholic wing of the Church of Eng-land. He left Cuddesdon in 1935 to return as vicar of St John the Divine, a noted Anglo-Catholic parish. He was consecrated as Suffragan Bishop of Kensington on November 1, 1949 at a service in Westminster Abbey

conducted by the then Arch-

bishop of Canterbury, Dr (later Lord) Fisher, assisted by 18 bishops. He remained there for the next 12 years until his

translation to the Peterborough diocese in 1961. Theological College, Oxford. borough diocese in 1961. at blackingto. Hampsin He was ordained in 1929 Tall and distinguished in He is survived by his and served as curate of St John appearance, Easthaugh son and two daughters.

quickly adapted to the de-

mands of a diocese that was largely rural but included expanding industrial areas and he became a popular

He was a widely travelled man, visiting South Africa, the Middle East and most European countries, and in 1969 he undertook a five-week lecturing and preaching tour of the United States at the invitation of the American Church Union, during which he covered 18,000 miles.

Easthaugh married in 1948 Lady Laura Palmer, daughter of the third Earl of Selborne. On his retirement from Peterborough in 1972 they went to live at his wife's family home at Blackmoor, Hampshire.

He is survived by his wife, a

ERNEST LE QUESNE HERBERT Expert in oil refining techniques

industrialist and petroleum expert who was responsible for co-ordinating all Shell's refineries throughout Britain during the Second World War, died on December 13 aged 86. His post-war work as managing director of the Shell refining company was marked by substantial advancement in

petroleum and petrochemical techniques. Ernest Le Quesne Herbert was born in 1902 at Newcastle upon Tyne where for simplicity's sake his parents had added Herbert to their ancestral Channel Islands surname of Le Quesne. He read

ing the next 12 years as a utive director of Shell Chemi-refinery manager he tackled cals in charge of manufacture. the hazardous problems to which plant and personnel were in those days exposed. His skilful proposals for protection against a whole range of toxic and explosive gases and vapours had farreaching effects.

A year before the outbreak of the war Herbert returned to Britain to manage the Shell Haven plant at Stanlow, Essex. It was soon thereafter that he was called to Shell Refin-cries' London headquarters to take responsibility for wartime operations.

chemistry at Heriot-Watt
College and on graduating
joined the Anglo-Iranian Oil
Company in 1922.

After the war he added the
rapidly-growing petrochemical industry to his concerns After the war he added the

Ernest Le Quesne Herbert, the posted to Mexico where dur- Refining Company and exec-

Herbert was vice-president of both the Institute of Petroleum and the Institution of Chemical Engineers. He was president of the Royal Institute of Chemistry (forerunner of the Royal Society of Chemistry) from 1959 to

He was an enthusiastic educationalist as well and at the first awards ceremony at the new Heriot-Watt University in 1966 was made an Honorary Doctor of Science. He was Chairman of Council of the University of Bath for many years.

He is survived by his wife Vera, whom he married in In 1927 he joined the Shell, and in 1955 he became both 1930, and by two of his three

Group and was immediately managing director of Shell children. **ELIZABETH RAWSON**

Roman historian and biographer of Cicero

Elizabeth Rawson, FBA, a 1956. After periods spent in distinguished Roman historian who had been Fellow and Tutor in Ancient History at Corpus Christi College, New Hall, Cambridge, and in include social history, and Corpus cince 1959 deeper 1957 a college learning and mith the could history. at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, since 1980, died suddenly of natural causes in fellow.

Beijing on December 10.

With a typical combination of courage and curiosity about a different culture, she had a different chimine, she had accepted an invitation to teach classics for a term at Nankai University, and was about to return home at the moment of her death.

Born in 1934 into a highly invitation of a long spread of articles.

intellectual London family on the Roman Republic, some with Italian connections and educated at St Panl's Girls and of her semi-popular Ciccochool and Somerville College, Oxford, she gained Firsts in Classic Honour Moderation above all masterly on his tions in 1954 and Greats in background and education.

1967 a college lecturer and In 1969 she published her

range steadily broadened to include social history, and with the publication of her major work, Intellectual Life in the Late Roman Republic (1985). It remains a work of the first

rank, at the centre of any understanding of Roman history and culture. She was elected a Fellow of

the British Academy earlier

this year. of the new Cambridge Ancient History (Vol IX) and was Honorary Secretary of the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies.

She was unmarried.

KENNETH BURTON

Kenneth Burton, who died on December 10, aged 74, played outbreak of war, and served in an influential but the Royal Artillery in North played outbreak of war, and served in but the Royal Artillery in North unpublicised role in represent- Africa and Europe; he was

ing private sector interests to the Government – first as a member of the staff of the years he devoted his energy British Employers' Confedera-tion, of which he was Sco-retary from 1949-1961, and which he represented both in then in the pensions world he this country and overseas. He was a member of the UK.

Educated at Latymer Upper delegation to International School, he qualified as an actuary in 1937. He joined the joint managing director of the

Anglo-American Council on Productivity 1948-52; and a member of the British Productivity Council, 1952-

the Employers Confederation to become part of the Confederation of British Industry, Burton returned to the actuarial profession and eventually became senior partner of Lane Clark and Peacock, a firm of consulting actuaries. He was unmarried.

Marriages

became a prominent actuary.

daughter of Lady Antonia Pinter and the late the Hou Sir Hugh worthy and the Rev Kenneth and Miss N.M. Gelder Fraser. Father Raphael Hewitt.

Fraser. Father Raphae! Appleby, OSB, officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her step-father, Mr Harold Pinter, was attended by Jack Fraser, Ryan Victor, Daisy Fraser, Alex Pakenham, Cho Pakenham, Hermione Pakenham and Lucinda Zilkha. Professor William Fitzgerald, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. ariended by Rachel Healey, Leo
Vincent and Alexandra and
Antoine Amouyel. Mr Nicholas
Wallace was best man,
A reception was held at
Chettle House, Blandford and
the honeymoon will be spent in
Thailand.

The Agent is a continuous and mrs Michael Gelder, of the Mary's, Jackstraus I are Or-

Upper Berkeley Street, of Mr Richard Millett, elder son of Sir Peter and Lady Millett, of London, Wl, to Miss Patricia The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Chettle, Dorset, of Mr P. Sebastian Kent, only son of the late Major Leonard Kent and of Mrs Kent, of Amesbury, Wiltshire, to Miss Spencer, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Bernard Spencer, of Hampstead. Rabbi Hugo Gryn officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Daniel Sechs and Jennifer Schulmann. Mr Andrew Millett was best man.
A reception was held at Claridge's hotel and the honey-

moon will be spent abroad.

Hewitt.

The bride, who was given in Saturday, December 10, in Mernarriage by her father, was attended by Rachel Heatey, Leo

Dr Zeno Bartolomeo Poggi,

Mr R.L.Millett

and Miss P.M.N. SpencerThe
marriage took place yesterday at
the West London Synagogue,
Upper Berkeley Street, of Mr
Richard Millett, elder son of Sir
Peter and Lady Millett, of

Poser The bride was given in marriage by her father, and was
attended by Orsola and Nella Poggi. The witnesses were the Earl Haig. Dr Georgio Poggi, Nobil Donna Alessandra Collatto, and Dr Fjona Gelder. A reception was held at

Rhodes House, Oxford. Mr C.E. Prescut
and Miss S.M. Chitham
The marriage took place on
December 16, 1988 at
Crowborough, East Sussex, of
Mr Colin Prescot, son of Mr and

Boltons, London, and Miss Susan Chitham, daughter of Dr and Mrs R.G. Chitham, of Colemans Hatch, Sussex and of Alderney, Channel Islands. Mr R.J. Spencer

and Miss C.A. Herbert

The marriage took place on Saturday in St Michael's Church, Aston Tirrold, between Mr Richard Spencer, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Spencer, of Lectoure, France, and Miss Katy Herbert, daughter of Mr Richard Herbert, of Sylcham, Suffolk, and Mrs Rodney Douglas-Pennant, of Aston Turold, Oxfordshire. The Reverend Peter Spencer officiated, assisted by the Percent France. sisted by the Reverend Tony Otter.

The bride, who was given in tharriage by her father, was attended by Victoria Arbuthnot, Victoria Richardson, Lucy and Nicholas Taylor and Miss Annabel Douglas Pennant. The best man was Captain Richard

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in North Wales. Mrs K.W. Prescot, of The Little

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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BIRTHS

SALFOUR - On December 5th 1968, to Honey and Devid, a son, Neil Devid Ladva Balfour. BPLLMONT - On December 8th, to Mrs the Hurford) and Rob, a daugh-br. Lots Feticity.

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BESLEY - On December 15th 1988, to Stobbus (nee Macken) and Justin, a daughter, Allish. MARWOOD - On December 14th, 1988 at Queen Charlotte's, to Catherine (née Hewett) and Benjamin, a son, George Alexander Henry Harwood. Minter On December 16th to Emma (née Righy) and Tohy, a son. KAY - On December 6th, to Alexandra (née Jacisson) and Philip, a daughter,

LILLES On December 16th, to Verorica (née Rogers-Collman) and Charles, a daughter, Rosanna MERCER - On December 12th 1988, at St George's Hospital, to Martine (née Wade) and Christopher, a son, Thomas James Christopher,

MYMOTT - On December 13th, to Anna (née Helm) and Tim, a daughter, Kate Elizabeth, a sister for Sarah. Pittales - On December 17th, to Daying and Charite, a son, Richard.

DEATHS

ASKTON - On December 15th, peacefully at the Cumberland Infirmary, Cariste, Mary, dearest wife of Richard and a beloved nother of James and Philip. Funeral service at Torpeshow Church on Wednesday, December 21st at 11.00 am. Donations if desired to the Macmillan Fund, c/o Miss V.G. Storey, Central Clinic, Victoria Piace, Caristie.

BOZMAN - On December 16th, suddenly and peacetuly at home. John Michael aged 68. Beloved husband of Anna, and much loved father and grandfather, Funeral Service at St. Michael's, Chester Square, SW1 on Thursday, December 22nd at 10.00cm. No flowers please. Donations instead to. The British Heart Foundation, Goucoster please. Donations based to. The British Heart Foundation, Gioucester Place. Wi or St. Michael's Church, Restoration Fund, c/o 4 Chester Square. SW1.

CARR - On December 15th 1988, peacefully, in the Martin's Methodist Home for the Agod, Bury St Edmunds, Augusta Mary, aged 91 years, formerly of Torquay. The funeral service takes place at Ipswich Crematorium, West Chapel on Friday, December 25vd, at 9.30 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for the Methodist Home for the Aned. may be sent C/O L. Fuicher the Aged, may be sent c/o L. Fuicher Ltd. 80 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds. Tel. (0284) 754049.

CHRISTOPHERSON On December 14th 1988, suddenly. Frances, well beloved wife of Sir Derman Christopherson of Cambridge, and much loved mother of Oliver. James. Ann and Peter. Funeral Service at St. Gles Church, Cambridge, on Thursday December 22nd at 11.30am to be followed by private interment. No flowers by request but donations may be sent for N.S.P.C.C. to H.J.Paintin Ltd, 43 High Street, Linton. Cambridge CB1 6H3.

COOPER - On December 16th, David Alistair, aged 52 of Engleheld Green, Surrey. Any enquiries to F. Harrison & Son. Tet: 0784 32163

EYBEN - On December 13th 1988, peacefully, Montague John, aged 85, years. Priest, former Headmaster at Quainton Hall School and sometime Destrict Commissioner for Harrow and Wealdstone Scours, Office of the Dead, Chapel of St. Francis, Quainton Hall School on Tuesday, December 20th at 8,00 pm. Solemun Requiem Mass at St. John's, Greenhill, on Wednesday, December 21st at 10,45 am followed by cremation at Breakspar Crematorium, Ruisilp, at 12,45 pm. Enquiries and flowers to J.A. Massey & Sons, 18 Lowiands Road, Harrow Telephone 01-422 1688, or donations to The Mayor of Wandsworth's Caphano Junction Disester Fund, Requiem Mass also to be osterated at St. Stephen's. Gloucester Road, on Friday, January 27th at 11,00 am. Refreshments afterwards.

1988, at Edgecombe Nursing Home. Newbury. Jacqueline Harriat, either of the late the Ft. Hon. Sir Uhck. Alexander. G.C.B., G.C.V.O., C.N.C., O.B.E., and of Cedric Alexander. Funeral private at Longbridge Deveriii. There will be a memorial servive at St Michael and All Angels. Parish Church. Highclere, Newbury. on Friday January 27th 1989.

HOPKINS - On 16th December 1988, suddenby aged 48 years, Arwyn, very much loved husband of Christine and loved and loving father of Harry. Tudor and Giyn.

McMANUS - On December 18th 1968, at St. Many's Convent, Westbrooke, Worthing Very Rev. Canon Owen McManus, formerly of Holy Trisnty Church, Dockhead, London, Sadiy missed by his brother Edward in Irsland, and his nephews and nieces. Requiem Mass at St. Marry of the Angels. Worthing, Wednesday December 21st at 12 noon. Mass in the Convent, Tuesday, December 20th at Spin.

PENNY - On December 15th, Harold Percy of Southgate (formerly of Mill Hill) and beloved husband of Ruby, Sadly missed by Michael, Rosensay and family. Cremation at West Cha-pel, Golders Green, 11.30, and rammy. Cremation at West Cha-pel. Golders Green, 11.30. Wednesday December 21st. Family flowers to Leverion & Son. 212 Evershall Street, NW1, but donations to Cancer Research.

PEROWNE - On December 9th, 1988, at Batchfoot House, Upwey, Weymouth and late Walberswick, Suffolk, Francis Edward in his 91st year. Eddest son of the late Right Reverend Arthur Perovine D.D., former Bishop of Worchester, Loving father of Margaret, Helena and Rosamund and a beloved grandfather, and great grandfather. Funeral service at St. Laurence's Church, Upwey, on Tuenday, January 10th at 2.45 pm followed by cremation at Weymouth Crematorium, Memorial service at St. Andrew's Church, Walberswick, Southwold, Suffolk, on Friday, January 13th at 3.00 pm. All enquiries to Wood Dorchester, Id., 11A Icen Way, Dorchester, Tel: ONE 62666.

CLETON - On December 15th 1998, peacefully at Ashwood Nursing Home. Regimald Percy aged 93. Formerty of Hever. Kent. Father of Dudley, Noreth and Soula. Loved grandfather and great grandfather. Cremation at Tumbridge Wells on Wednesday. December 21st at 4.00 pm. coaries, Edward and Michael, Fu-neral Service in Eton College Chapet on Thursday December 22nd at 2.45 pm. followed by private cremation. Familiy Bowers only, donations if de-sired to Motor Neurone Disease Association, 51 Derogate, Northamp-jon NN1 1VE.

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SMITH On December 15th in London.
Margaret (Maggie) Frances
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funeral in Aberdeen on December
22nd. Flowers to Gordon & Watson. Rosebank Place, Aberde 57RONG - On December 16th 1988, at

Nairobi Hospital, Carol adored wife of Peter, mother of Philip, Stephen and Michael, beloved daughter of Ray Gerrard, after a short illness. Ray Gerrard, after a short illness.

TAYLOR - On Thursday, December 18th, 1988. Thehma Phylits calmity at home. Much loved by her family, Bill. Russell, Helen, Rotha and Bruce and by many friends who will all remember her courage. A service will be held at St. Mary Magdaten. Shippon, Abingdon on wetnesday, December 21st, at 11.00 am, followed by compital at Oxford Cremaborium. Sprays of flowers may be sent to P.L. Barrett, 81 Oct St., Abingdon. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

TELFER - On 16th December Dr. Inn TELFER - On 16th December Dr. am
M. Teifer, Walbottle Hall, NewcastleUpon-Tyrne, peacefully at home aged
70 yrs. Husband of Laetina. Father
of John, Mary and George. Service
at West Road crematorium on wednesday 21st December at 9.30am. Family flowers only but if desired donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Natural History Society. Hancock Museum, Barras Bridge, Newcastle.

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vere, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at All Samts, North
Wootson on Wednesday 21st December at 2.30 pm, Family flowers only,
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Taverners and enquiries to R. H.
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kings Lyan 772134 or 772316. WILSON - On December 15th Joyce of West Lodge Rotvenden kent, peace-fully after a short libers borne with her osual courage. Very much loved mother, grandmother and friend. Funeral service at Rotvenden Parish. Church on December 21st at 10-30, followed by cremation at Charing at 11-30, Flowers it desired may be sent C/O T.W. Fuggle & Son. 20. Ashford Road. Tenterden or donations to West View Hospital. Tenterden, Kent.

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A CONTROL REPORT OF THE A direct path into the brain

Using the tools of molecular disease. They published their implants worked better than biology and neurosurgery, sci-findings in the December 16 direct infusions of NGF that entists in California have issue of the US journal, had been used in the past. developed a way to deliver a Science. crucial chemical directly into

The technique involves growing cells in the laboratory that have been altered to produce the critical chemical, and then implanting these tiny manufacturing facilities into the brain where they can release their product where it

Several human neurological disorders involve the depletion of a brain chemical. Patients with Parkinson's disease lack adequate amounts of the brain chemical dopamine, and patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease are missing large numbers of the brain cells that produce acetylcholine. Therapies for these diseases have concentrated on finding ways to replace these chemicals.

But because the brain is isolated from the blood stream by the blood brain barrier, drugs that are taken orally do not have an easy time reaching the brain. A way around this difficulty is to put the missing chemicals directly into the brain, but this means permanently implanting tubes and

Now Fred Gage and his colleagues at the University of California at San Diego have demonstrated a promising new approach - now demonstrated

They first showed that when factor (NGF) to the area where the pathway was cut.

turned to molecular biology colleagues to find a better way to introduce NGF into the affected area. Using cells called fibroblasts that can be grown in the laboratory, the researchers put a gene into the fibroblast nucleus that produced NGF. Once the NGF gene was taken up by the fibroblasts, they will produce NGF as long as they survive.

The researchers then took these fibroblasts, and implanted them into the brains of 16 rats whose fimbria fornix pathway was cut. For comparison, they cut the same pathway in eight other rats that did not receive any of the NGF producing cells.

After two weeks, they examined the rat bruins, and found that there was some loss of acetylcholine nerves in the rats receiving the implanted cells, but far less than those in animals — that may some day be used in treating human They also found that the Common Times Howe Service 1988.

Science.

The San Diego researchers are enthusiastic about the advantages of their approach they surgically severed a brain only a single surgery, and there should be a permanant pathway called the finabria forms, there was a local depletion of nerve cells containing acetylcholine. This specific loss of acetylcholine' could be reduced by adding a chemical called nerve growth

approach used in rats can be used in humans. First, it is important to show that the cells implanted in the brain Next Gage, a neuroscientist, laboratory culture differ from normal cells found in the body, and could possibly form brain The researchers also want

to show that replacing the missing chemical does indeed reverse any symptoms associated with its loss. They are also testing cells other than fibroblasts to see if they are. better at delivering NGF to sites in the brain where it is

Gage and his colleagues are now studying rats that have lost acetylcholine producing neurons as part of the normal aging process. They are anxions to see if their NGF producing implants can reverse some of the memory loss everyone experiences with advancing age.

Joseph Palca

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
COMMANDERS: A G Kennedy - NP
1600 202.89: K Watmough - Rosyth
4.4.59: N P M Whitmey - MOD
London 25.5.59.

The Army MAJOR GENERAL: P G Brooking to be Director General Army Manning and Recruiting, Ministry of Defence. In February 1989. In succession to Major General A B Crowboot. MOD. 19.12.88.

COLONES: N G D Robinson - To Staff Coll. 28.12.88.

TO Staff Coll. 28.12.88.

There are many steps yet to be accomplished before this Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Stuart Alker Westley, deputy headmaster of Bristol Cathedral School, to be Principal of will not cause problems for the host animal. Cells grown in laboratory culture differ from succession to Dr Paul Bregazzi,

University news Oxford Magdalen College: Dr David Coates has been elected to a fixed-term Snow tutorial fellow-

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Edward Parry, Arctic explorer, Bath, 1790; Sir Ralph Richardson, Cheltenham, 1902 DEATHS: Virus Bering, navigator, Bering Island, 1741; Emily Bronte, Haworth, Yorkshire, 48; J. M. W. Turner, painter, London, 1851; Sir Paul Vinogradoff, historian, Paris, 1925.

Nature notes



Startings are singing on sunny mornings are singing on sainly mornings, a medley of wheezing sounds and airy whistles. When a flock of them are singing all together in a tree, it sounds like

together in a tree, it sounds has a large, creaking machine. More song-thrashes are back in their territories and singing high in the tree tops; they can easily be heard a quarter of a mile away. Blackbirds are parks and gardens: many of the newcomers are birds that have flown in from Sweden and Finland. On these short days, they go on feeding on the grass well after the sunset, like small groups of black shadows in the dusk.

Most puffins are now out at sea, and only seen from ships.
They can still be recognized immediately by their large, triangular beaks, but the broadred tip turns mainly yellow in the winter. They search for food just under the surface of the sea, swimming with their wings.
Nettle leaves have dry black tips, but still sting as painfully.
There are plenty of holly berries, since thrushes and blackbirds have been able to find snails and worms in the mild weather, and have not gone up to feed much in

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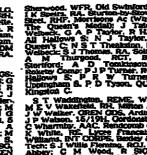
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At 11pm on Saturday it happened. In the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and in the company of three long programme-pages full of named donors from the musical world. the English Chamber Orchestra and Andre Previo hosted a glamorous soiree of musical turns, compered by John Tusa. It was broadcast not only on Radio 3 and BBC2, but also transmitted through the World Service and on

In such an evening of extracts and party pieces, a tour de force of stage management was needed and duly provided. In order, for instance, to shoo the entire English Chamber Orchestra off the stage for the solitary presence of James Galway and Debussy's unaccompanied "Syrinx", Ronald Eyre had devised a near-choreographic routine for an army of men who appeared and reappeared to supply and conjure away chairs, music stands and a grand piano at any given moment. As some distraction from this

I may not always hear it, but when The Radio Programme (Radio 4; producer, Keith Jones) goes off the air - as it has done until February - the listening week becomes a slightly duller place. Laurie Taylor and his crew set a tone which suggests that, even when they are handing out the brickbats, the basic enterprise of radio is a very jolly and interesting thing.

If I have a bone to pick with them, it is an impression they sometimes give that any pro-gramme not as bright and brisk astheir own is therefore a bit of a dullard. Medicine Now, I remember, got a bit of a pasting. Later. Science Now obtained a similar verdict, while more recently, in from a belief that the material is relation to Open Mind (Radio 4, interesting and worth talking Sundays: producer, Emily Bu- about; it assumes that its listeners sible attraction. He turned a good



Mstislav Rostropovich, with the cello section of the English Chamber Orchestra, after playing for Armenian earthquake victims

Rapping the knuckles

RADIO

share that belief and that they will

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few broadcasts are so short of

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or nothing. Looking back on this year's series, Professor Geoffrey

Hosking has provided every pos-

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When it comes to presentation,

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What really told, of course, was the music itself. Mozart's was the frenetic activity, recorded messages were beamed over from wellwishing musicians around the still, small voice of the evening world. Faced with the impossible first Andrei Gavrilov's wondertask of adequately expressing symfully simple account of the Fantasy in D minor, then Cho-liang pathy and empathy in a matter of seconds, Perlman spoke of stick-Lin and Yuri Bashmet in the ing together; Menuhin assured the sombre monument of the second movement of the Sinfonia Con-certante K364. Bashmet, whom audience that he would donate the fee for his next two concerts to the we hear too seldom in Britain, had fund; Sir Neville Marriner invoked Nostradamus and the interbeen flown over especially for the event, and brought with him a national language of musicians; and Alfred Brendel, most simple message from the composer and succinct of all, found his sober Schnittke of love, respect and empathy for the Armenian people. His own viola playing, in its fine words juxtaposed to a repeated plea for credit card donations.

modulation of timbres and its grace of phrasing, was the musical, high point of the evening. The soprano Galina Vishnevskaya, now with a less finely tuned instrument at her command, nevertheless gave a performance of Tchaikovsky's "At the Bail" that was deeply moving in the instinctive artistry behind its intimate, intense conversation.

She was accompanied at the piano by Rostropovich who, later in the evening, took the solo part and directed the cellos of the ECO in the Bachianas Brasileiras No 1 by Villa-Lobos. He then in-carnated the evening's purpose in

sentence and delivered it well, but his talks have held the attention as

no previous series I can recall

because of what they said. His

knowledgeable view of the Soviet Union has been irresistible, al-

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not necessarily have been antici-

pated: the extent to which each lecture seemed to be a com-

mentary on what the news media

(Radio 3, Sunday, director, John

have been feeding us every day. Against this background, Stalin's Mercy by James Greene an unexpected and personally introduced solo. In memory of the 1965 summer he and his wife had spent in Armenia with Britten and Pears, and for all who had died, he played the finale from Britten's Third Cello Suite, based on the orthodox Kontakion for the dead.

The rest was not silence. With a sharp ear for dramatic timing typical of the programme as a whole, Barry Douglas joined the ECO for a gently but insistently optimistic performance of the last movement of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No1.

Hilary Finch

Theocharis) came as a cautionary reminder. It consisted of seven scenes or vivid glimpses from the life of the Russian poet Osip Mandelstam, who suffered Stalin's persecution and even-tually died of it 50 years ago on his way to Siberia and a concentration camp. In many respects it covered familiar ground, but this is an area of recent history that never loses its power to appal by its combination of lunacy, stupidity, cruelty and ruthlessness. And, of course, to recreate it is to describe a yesterday etched into many Soviet people's hearts out of which Gorbachov is now trying to wrench a new tomorrow. It cer-



familiar Grove

Gwen Hughes of Oxford, pictured, the winner of our Musical Challenge quiz, is already deeply familiar with the 20-volume New Grove Dictionary, half of her puzze. "I perused it pretty thoroughly while answering the questions, weaving my way through opera synopses when I should have been doing other things," she says. "I am looking forward very much to the musical visit to New York, but having a New Grove of my own is the thing that pleases me most." pleases me most."

The second prize, a set of the dictionary, goes to Peter Wilson, of Brookhill Drive, Wollaten. Nottinghamshire. The runners-up, who each receive another

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Grove dictionary of their choice, were Margaret Little, of Hardwick Place, London Colney, St Albans, Hertfordshire; S.M. Batchelor, of Daling Way, London; and Susanna Sarkozy, of St Alban's Road, London.

THE ANSWERS

We received several hundred entries for the Musical Cha of which 30 could be adjudged fully correct. There were, of course, alternative answers to several questions. They are: 1. Porgy and Bess (Gershwin). 2. Jeux (Debussy). 3. Sir Neville Cardus. 4. Arthur Honegger. 5. François-André Danican Philidor.

6. Il trovatore (Verdi). 7. Castor et Poliux (Rameau). 8. This remark is ascribed to Johann Christian Bach, of Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach. 9. Anton and Nikolay Rubinstein

10. Johannes Brahms. 11. Carlo Gesualdo, Prince of Venosa, was the most popular answer, also acceptable was Bartolomeo Tromboncino. Several contestants tried Henry VIII, but we were not sure that this simply qualifies as murdering one's wife. 12. Jean-Baptiste Lully. 13. (a) Ernest Chausson. (b) Enrique Granados. (c) William

14. Anton Webern. 15. The most popular answer here was Alessandro Stradella ; also acceptable are Robert Cambert and the elder Jean-Marie Leclair (only just a Baroque composer). 16. La mère coupable, by

17. (a) Pelléas et Mélisande (Debussy). (b) Idomeneo (Mozart). (c) Here we had in mind King Roger (Szymanow-ski), Cavalleria rusticana (Mascagni) or of course Les David Wade | webpres siciliennes (Verdi).
Several others were named by

contestants, including Scylla et Glaucus (Leclair), Tancrea G (Rossini), Il pirata (Bellini), Robert le diable (Meyerbeer), Das Liebesverbot (Wagner), Bride of Messina (Fibich), and La favola del figlio cambiato (Malipiero). (d) Mock moon scenes are not really acceptable here; the expected answer was Mr Broucek's Excursion to the Moon (Janáček) . Others submitted include, of course, // mondo della luna (set by Haydn and several others), The New World in the Moon (Daniel Purcell) and Der Mond (Orff). 18. Debussy, Pelléas et

19. (a) Francesca Cuzzoni. (b) Lorenzo da Ponte.
20. (a) Farinelli (Carlo Broschi).
(b) Siface (Giovanni Francesco Grossi). (c) Giusto Ferdinando Tenducci.

21. (a) Haydn string quartets. (b) Works by Vaughan Williams. (c) Beethoven chamber works (an ingenious alternative here was Goossens: Leon was nicknamed "Holy Ghost" and his sisters, Marie and Sidonie, his sisters, Marie and Sidonie, were harpists).

22. (a) Alma Mahler and Walter Gropius; Berg. (b) Debussy's.

23. Symphonies discovered in these cities, and named after them, have been attributed respectively to Beethoven (though actually by Friedrich Witt. drawing on music by Witt, drawing on music by Haydn) and Mozart (almost certainly unauthentic).

24. (a) Mozart. (b) Fauré (some competitors suggested Delvincourt as an alternative). 25. Saint-Saens.

Christmas and Lew Yéar at the Royal Opera House

chanan), the feeling seemed to be

that it would be a better pro-

gramme if it were a good deal

So, to adopt a seasonal meta-phor, on the three occasions I can

pin down, The Radio Programme

has displayed a greater interest in

the wrapping than the gift. But, in

general, I think the style of

presentation adopted by all these

programmes is just about right.

Above all, it is serviceable; it starts



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Northern celebrations

OPERA

The Pearl Fishers/

Opera North

To celebrate the passage of 10 years and 71 operas (for which they deserve the heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the future), Opera: North presented
The Pearl Fishers. Sally Day codirected Philip Prowse's ENO
production of last year, but with
the sets trimmed and the original French libretto restored.

Their problem is that by eliminating the traditional final scene (largely the work of Benja-min Godard) and returning to Bizet's original they are left with a dramatically weak ending - which was of course the reason for the revision. To cope with that they must invent a new character, Leila's decorative predecessor as the Fishers' votive virgin, who observes the whole proceedings and finally assassinates Zurga for his fateful deeds. And to make that in its turn credible they must generate an atmosphere of violence by adding a couple of terrorists as Zurga's accomplices. The effect is bizarre, but it seems to be the price of musicalogical purity.

Anne Dawson, as Leila, may still have too small a voice to sail



Philip Prowse: reworking Aida comfortably over Bizer's large orchestra; but she more than compensated by creating an extraordinary still atmosphere in her second act Cavatina - an atmosphere so captivating that her actions in the orchestral postlude seemed entirely misconceived.

Arthur Davies, adopting a French-style tenor delivery that

came into its own only later in the evening, gave the role of Nadir considerably more force of character than the music sometimes suggests. And he needed to, because Sergei Leiferkus was reluctant to fall much below full voice in his otherwise persuasive and moving Zurga. David Lloyd-Jones conducted with a particularly sharp car for those inventive orchestral touches that are the real justification for reviving Bizet's early score.

Opera North's production of

it should be retitled Amneris when Sally Burgess performs. That is largely because so much of her singing and acting is in an entirely different class from virtually everything around her. In the first act, tentative performances from John Tranter as Ramfis, John Trekeaven as Radames, Mark Glanville as the King and Janice Cairns as Aida left one feeling that hers were the only pitches and

words that were at all distinguishable. And the chorus were on dismally undisciplined form. But that all changed with the arrival of Keith Latham, whose impressive Amonasro has taken on new power since the production was first mounted two years ago. In re-staging it, Philip Prowse has eliminated the ridiculous blind-man's-buff scene during the dance numbers of the triumphal procession and called in a stylish ballet troupe. He seems also to have modified the last act, as

though to counter the complaint that Amneris has too much prominence. Whatever the reason, Sally Burgess became considerably less incisive and muffed several important dramatic points. But by then the remainder of the cast had settled down. Under Clive Timm's direction, the Opera North Orchestra reaffirmed their

still growing reputation.

David Fallows

Players pass the groan test

Like the Christmas Day carol service, the Players' annual Victorian panto pulls in a good many people who never go near the place for the rest of the year, and for whom it now comes as quite a shock to join the faithful at their new place of worship, the Duchess

Thanks to an advantageous deal with the Villiers Street developers, the Players have been able to duplicate the song and supper room atmosphere and enlarge their seating capacity. But they have not managed to transplant the ramshackle charm of their old home - that long, sloping tunnel, with drinks tables by the seats, and the rumble of trains over Hungerford Bridge. Also, the routine has changed: no chairman, no music-hall prologue, no toast to Victoria: nothing but the panto

THEATRE

The Sleeping Beauty Players' Theatre

itself, with the danger of exposing a previously well-cushioned museum piece to a house of sharpeyed observers.

Planche's "original, grand, fairy extravaganza" (I abbreviate) comes through this test pretty well. It has a low count in groanpuns, but boasts some well-tortured thymes and some couplets that have blossomed beyond the author's expectations ("Since he came a cropper/He can't use his chopper"). The story gets staunch operatic support, and offers some pleasing narrative twists; such as

who seduces the turnkey into releasing the princess for her fateful spinning lesson; and the King's awakening to find be has become a royal back number.

Reginald Woolley directs with an appreciation for the delicate fun Planche has to offer, without patronage or pushing for big laughs. The fun is mainly musical, and the company has the voices for it; particularly Catherine McCord and Janet Evans, as the fairies Baneful and Antidota, doing each other down in a Rossini crescendo in the course of a wand duel. A trio of knitting woodcutters also makes its mark as a soulful chorus for the Prince's love ballad. Congratulations to Susan Graham Smith for her work on the giant Steinway.

Irving Wardle

TELEVISION

Down and out

Professional wrestling may be defined as two grown men contriving excessively complicated ways of sitting on each other's faces while a third practises counting up to 10. As a weekly academy for stantmen to home their counterfeiting skills, it may well have had practical value; as a spectacle, its appeal derived from the morality play and its descendant, pan-

On Saturday, ITV pulled the ping on 33 years' coverage with The Final Bell, in which honey-voiced Kent Walton introduced a storehouse of archive clips, from the ballet dancer Ricki Starr, through "Leon Arras" (aka Brian Glover) to current megastars such as Giant Haystacks.

as Giant Haystacks.

Bizarrely organized, with most boats coming from the mid-1970s, the programme gave little chance to see how the "sport" has changed over the decades. Perhaps it has not. The wrestlet who called down the centuin with a pulled down the curtain with a speech expressing the great sadness felt by the wrestling classes adverted to grapple fans watching

anverteu to grappie rans watching "in your parlours".

The Explorers: A Century Of Discovery (BBC2) blew the massed trumpets of the National Geographic Society, renowned for its deep interest in ethnic breasts and guisy captions. An appro-priately sententions voice-over from E.G. Marshall disclosed that a print run for a single issue of the society's magazine would raise a stack 53 miles high. As its first editor once declared, "The mind must see before it can believe"

Try telling that to young devo-tees of the Father Christmas cult. Everyman (BBC1, yesterday) snified mistylishly at the topic of Santa Claus, his character and

Santa Claus, his character and origins.

The programme provided a lengthy commercial for Raymond Briggs's cartoon book in which the bringer of gifts appears as an over-worked grouch. Briggs would like to retire to an Anderwould like to retire to an Andersen shelter for the duration of festivities. Yehndi Menuhin, conversely, sees Christmas as "a time for cultivating emotions". This was quite the most nauseating remark of the weekend.

Martin Cropper

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THEATRE

LONDON

★ 8LOOD BROTHERS: Wity Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kild Dee as their mother. Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-857 113). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Set 7.45pm, mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm, £5.90-£18.50. (0)

☆ BRIGADOON: OK revival of Lemer and Loewe's misty Scottish musical. Victoria Palsoc, Victoria St, SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 2.30pm, 28-220, mat Thurs all seats half-price.

★ EASY VIRTUE: Attractive revival of Neaf Coward's 1926 play with Jane How scandalizing her teenage husband's frightful county folks. Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Lelcester Square. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, mat Tues 3pm and Sat 5pm, £7.50-£12.50.

* ELECTRA: Flona Shaw as the fierce daughter in Sophocies's sober drama of mother-killing. The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican/St Paul's/ Moorgate. Preview tonight 7pm, opens tomorrow 7pm, then in repertory, 28.50.

☆ PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE: Theatre de Complicite in top form for their tribute to the horror of a family Christmas. Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Angel/highbury & Islington. Tonight until Dec 23, 9pm, 23.50-£6.50.

☆ RE: JOYCE: Maureen Lipman reincamates Joyce Gremelin monologue and song with Denis King at monologue and song with Denis King at the plano. Fortune Theatra, Russell St, WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden, Morr-Fri Born, Sat 5pm and 8.30pm, £4.50-£15.50.

th SUGAR BABIES: Mickey Rooney and Ann Miler star in nostalgie show vastly popular on Broadway. Dirty talk and high kicks. Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888) Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs and Set 2.30pm, 28.50-222.

★ TEECHERS: John Godber's end-of-term play-within-a-play; funny with sad Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street, WC2 (01-836 3334). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs Spm, Fri and Sat 6.30pm and 9pm, £6.50-£11.50.

LONG RUNGERS: A Beyond
Responshie Doubt: Queen's Theatre
(01-734 1166) ... A Cats: New London
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OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: & Beyond Therapy: Christopher Durang's sprightly comedy opens Bristol's first pub theatre. The Showboet, 32 Gloucester Road (0272 669679), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £3. (0272 669679 Until Dec 31.

CROYDON: A Roister Dolster: Vince Foxhall rejigs the old comedy for Christmas: braggarts and brawlers meet their just desserts. Warehouse Theatre, Dingwall Road (01-Warehouse Theatre, Dingwall Road (01-880 4060), Tues-Sat Sprn, mat Sun Sprn, £2.50-£5.

MANCHESTER: & The Adventures of Huckleberry Firm: Musical version by Roger Haines with Paul Ryan as the first boy-hero to smoke a pipe. Library Theatre, St Peter's Square (061-23 7110), Mon-Set 2.30pm, also Fri and Set 7pm, adults 25, children 22.

FILMS

Also on national release 2 Advance booking possible

AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (PG): Louis AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (PG): Louis Malle's moving, semi-autobiographical drama, set in a provincial boarding school in the last months of the Second World War. Gaspard Manesse heads the young, non-professional cast (107 min).

Curzon Maytair (01-499 3737).

Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.50.

BIRD (15): Clint Eastwood's Impressively mounted biography of Charlie Parker with Forest Whitaker as the legendary jazz saxophonist

(161 min).

2 Lumiere (01-836 0691).

Progs 1.25, 4.35, 7.55.

2 Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636).

Progs 1.40, 5.15, 8.45.

Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366).

Screen on the Hill (01-435 3386). Progs 3.30, 7.45. M A FISH CALLED WANDA (15): The divertires of two scheming Americans (Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kine), an uptight English barrister (John Cleese)

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending Dec

1 EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 21.10m EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 20.85m Bread 19.25m Neighbours (Tues 13:33/17:36) 18.40m Neighbours (Tues 13:33/17:36) 18.35m Royal Varioty Performance 18.15m Royal Varioty Performance 18.15m Neighbours (Wed 13:30/17:37) 18m Neighbours (Thurs 13:29/17:35) 17.90m News, Sport and Weether 17:30m

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Christobel 6.70m Food and Drink 5.50m The Bit Part 5.35m The Travel Show 5.35m Who Shot President Kee Who Shot President Kennedy 5m M.A.S.H. 5m Reaching For the Sides 4,70m French and Saunders 4,65m The Black Teet 4,50m Atlentia, the Lost Continent 4,85m

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Brockside (Mon/Sat) 7,10m
Brockside (Mod/Sat) 5,55m
The Golden Girls 4,40m
Lost in Space 4,15m
Fifteen-to-One (Fri) 4,10m
Hill Street Blace 4,25m
Fifteen-to-One (Mon) 3,95m
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aktast talevision: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in anthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least times minutes): fast Time: Mon to Fri 1.4m (8m)TV-am: Good Morning British Mon,to Fri 2.6m (12.6m) Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

Picture of perfection



and an animal rights fanatic (Michael Palin), who owns a fish called Wanda, Script by John Clease. Directed by Ealing veteran Charles Criction (109 min).
Cumon Fulhers Road (01-370 2636).
Progs 2.10, 5.55, 9.05.
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310).
Progs 1.50, 4.55, 8.05.
Cumon Shaffasbury Ave (01-836 8861/8806). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25.
28 Plaza (01-200 0200).
Progs 1.30, 3.50, 8.15, 8.40.
Gatin Notting HBI (01-727 4043).
Progs 2.05, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00.
Screen on Balter St (01-935 2772).
Progs 4.05, 6.40, 8.40.
GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15): Robin Notting Hill Corenet (01-727 6705). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40. Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 7.00, 8.55.

GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15): Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morale of the troops. Directed by Barry Levinson (12) min.

(121 min). as Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

nsurt serial 5 (15); Spirited supernistural comedy from director Neil Jordan, with Peter O'Toole as the Owner of a decrepit frish castle advertised as haunted (92 min). Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1, 15, 3,35, 6,20, 8,55.

httpNight* RUN (15): Engaging cornedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive ball-lumping eccountant cross-country. With Charles Grootin; directed by Martin Brest (126 min). Cannon Fullham Road (01-570 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.05, 9.15. Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 4.05, 6.45, 9.20.

WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT
(PG): Energetic mixture of carbons and
real life. Ace animation director Richard
Wallams supplies a frantic array of
"toon" characters, headed by Roger
Rabbit. Bob Hoskins plays the
dishevelled gurnshoe, Eddie Vallant
1104 mix

(104 min). Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111). Progs 10.15, 12.45, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50.

Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. Odeon Serias Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.45. Cannon Cheleas (01-352 5036). Progs 1.40, 4.40, 7.10, 9.30.

WORD-WATCHING

(c) A foot lambert is a unit of

(c) A noot amount is a time of handmance equal to the average humance of a surface emitting or reflecting one human per square foot, an epoxymous word of 1920: "A foot candle is

a unit of incident light, and a foot lambert is a unit of emitted

FOOT POUND

(a) In Mechanics, the quantity of energy required to raise one pound to the height of one foot; Joule: "Fience 773.64 foot pounds will be the force which is equivalent to one degree Fahrenheit in a lb of water."

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FOOT LAMBERT

or reflected light."

FOOT POUND

FOOT STRIFE

HIGH SPIRITS (15): Spirited

A MAGNUTE: Melodic heavy rockers from the Midlands who have pulled through after many years of grim stog. Hammeramith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081), 7.30pm, 27-28, for three nights.

ROCK

☆ LINDISFARME: Grizzled Fog On The the LINDESFARME: Grizzled Fog On The Tyne Geordies start their usual Christmas bash. Newcastle City Half, Northumberland Road (091 261 2606), 7,30pm, 26-28, for

* MARY COUGHLAIL Irish folk/jazz/ roots favourite. One of the year's atmost women. Mean Fiddler, 24-28a Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490), 8pm, 26, for four nights.

A TED HAWKINS: Ex-hobo from Blood, Missouri, via Venice Beach. Wonderful soul/blues singer celebrating a recently signed deal with the new roots label, PT Records.

Acoustic Room, Mean Fiddler, 24-28a Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490), 8pm, £5.

JAZZ

★ CAYENNE: One for Latin lovers. Sarah-Jane Morris is due to make an sararvane worns is due to make an appearance earlier in the evening with the Patrick Wood Band. 100 Ctub., 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933), 8pm, £5.

A GIGO: Otherwise known as Garbage in/Garbage Out, the fusion band was one of the successes of this summer's Crawley Festival.

Jazz Carle, 56 Newington Green,
London N16 (01-359 4936), 8.30pm, £3.

evaning from one-helf of the popular Morrisay-Mullen jazz-funk duc. Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8 90nm SA

☆ PETRUSHKA: Sadier's Wells Royal Bellet's lively production with a revised version of Binliey's Choros and Lynn Seymour's disappointing Bastat. Sadier's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London ECT (01-267 8916), 7.30pm, £3.50-£19.

DANCE

☆ A SIMPLE MAN: Northern Bailet Theatre's production about the painter Lowry, plus two short ballets by Michael Demgate Theetre, Northampton (0604 24811), 7pm, 23.50-28.

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CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

A LUNCHTHME NIGHT MUSIC: The Academy of St Martin-In-the-Fields Chamber Ensemble plays Mozart's Eine Ideine Nachtmusik and the Octet of Mendelscohn. Mendelsschin. St. John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1-2pm, £3.

★ GOOD KING: Marjolin Anstey's Wencestas receives its world première from the Regent Chamber Choir conducted by Gary Cole.

St Martin-In-the-Fleids, Trafalger Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

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ened Art, is at the Aberystwyth

Arts Centre, Wales (tel 0970 624277) until January 8. It then tours Barnsley, Barnley, Workington and Epping Forest until November 1989. Michael Young

★ THE MIKADO: Revival of Jonathan Miller's fast-moving, 1920s-style production. English National Opera, Collecum, S Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30pm, 92-50-926.

☆ THE PEARL FISHERS: Philip Prowse designs and directs in his successful Bizet production first seen at English National Opera. Anne Dawson and Arthur Davies lead the cast. Opera North, Grand Theatra, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15pm, 24-£18.75.

★ fOLANTRIE: Keith Warner's handsome and wilty G & S production for Scottish Opera commates the festive season in Glasgow.

Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041-331 1234), 7.15pm, £3-£23.

moreaux as the cancan from Offenbach's Orpheus in the Underworld, Anderson's Sleigh Ride, Carter's Lord of the Dance, Johann Strauss II's Radetzly March, Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf (Richard Stilgoe, namator).

Barbican Centre, Silk St., London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.15pm, £4-£13.50.

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★ FIREWORKS/FOUNTAIN: After Howard Williams has conducted the Ernest Read Symphony Orchestra in Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks and Respight's Fontani di Roma, the Acoltan Singers, Ashtead Choral Society and Hertford Choral Society and Hertford Choral Society and Hertford Choral Society and Hartford Choral Society and Audience. Festivel Hell, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7-30pm, 23.50-29.

★ BACK TO THE SALON: See caption. Wigmore Hall, 38 Wigmore St. London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.



With their first London concert at the Wigmore Hall tonight, the Salonisti ensemble from Switzerland (see listing) will be reviving the kind of music that people of a certain age associate with the Palm Court of the Grand Hotel or, at least, with Lyons Corner Houses. But this quintet of highly accomplished performers play with a musicianship which is not always evident in such places, and they will select their programme from a repertoire of 10,000 mellifluous morceanx by Massenet, Rimsky-Korsakov, Debussy and Kreisler.

GALLERIES

RORY McEWEN: Detailed botanical paintings. Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (01-402 6075), daily 10am-4pm, free, Until Jan 8.

DAVID HOCKNEY: A retrospective of paintings from the 1950s to date.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), Mon-Set 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, £3. Until Jan 8. EUROPEAN SCULPTURE 1750-1920: A survey inaugurating a new sculpture gallery. Walker Art Gallery, William Brown St. Liverpool (051 207 0001), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free.

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Art Centre, University of Warwick, Coventry. (Box office 0203 417417). Until mid January, 2,30pm and 7pm, adults £5, children £3.

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Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800).

LAST CHANCE

LEOPOLD GODOWSKY: Exhibition to mark 50th anniversary of death of Polish-born planist, composer and transcriber of plano music. Ends Wed. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141). BRITISH ABSTRACT PAINTERS: Works

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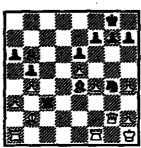
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6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.40 Leon Errol in Birthday Blues (D/W). 6.55 Weather
7.00 Breakfast Time with Kirsty Wark and Jeremy Paxmen. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and traval bulletins at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. 8.55 Regional news and weather 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. 8.55
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11.00 News and weather followed by

Open Air with Earnonn Holmes, Pattie Coldwell and Natalie Pattle Colowell and Natalie
Anglesey

12.00 News and weather followed by
Daytime Live includes a festive
spread conjured up by the
celebrated French chef Raymond
Blanc. 12.55 Regional news
and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip
Hayton. Weather. 1.30
Neighbours. Mike is under
pressure: and Mrs Mangel has an

Meighbours. Mike is under pressure; and Mrs Mangel has an altercation with Madge that causes her great distress 1.50 Going for Gold. Semifinal week of the European general knowledge quiz.
2.15 Film: Spirit of the Wild (1976) starring Dan Haggerty and Denver Pyle. Adventure yarn about a 19th-century south-western States mountain man fiving in the wilds and communing with nature. Directed by Richard Friedenberg

9.00 Ceefax. 12.00 Film: Room Service (1938)

b/w) starring the Marx Brothers and Lucille Ball. Comedy about an impoverished Broadway impresario. Directed by william A. Seitler

1.15 Cartoon 1.25 The Adventures

of Spot (r). 1.30 What's Inside? (r). 1.40 The Historyman explores Orlord Castle, Suffolk (r). 1.45 The First Noels. Rediscovered

carols presented by Sir Geraint Evans and the Choir of Christ

Church Cathedral, Oxford (r).

2.00 News and weather followed by
Songs of Praise (r). (Ceefax) 2.40
Holiday Outings (r). 2.50
Town Portraits. Middleton-in-

3.00 International Pro-Celebrity
Golf (r). 3.50 News and weather
4.00 International Show Jumping
from Clympia 4.45 Behind the
Screen with Rob Curling
4.50 Film: Charlie Chan in Rio
(1939, b/w) starring Sidney Toler.
The oriental sleuth investigates
a murder among a deluge of
divorces, Directed by Norman
Foster

Teesdale (r).
3.00 International Pro-Celebrity

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News and weather SCOTLAND:
10.50am-11.00 Seal Seo! 6.30pm7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN MELAND: 5.25pm Today's Sport
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Donahue 2.00am The Fugitive 3.00 Pop Profile (Hall and Oates) 3.20 Twilight Zone 3.40 60 Minutes 4.30-5.00 Night Beat.

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The Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30
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3.50 Laurel and Herdy, Cartoon (r).
4.00 A Beer Behind with Lindsey Coulson and Bill Walls 4.05
Fireman Sam narrated by John Alderton 4.20 Defenders of the Earth. Animated adventures. (Ceetax) 4.40 Simon and the Witch. Episode 11 of the 12-part comedy serial
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter goes behind the scenes as the cast of Last of the Summer Wine prepare for their Christmas special. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r).

5.35 Neighbours (r). 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey 6.30 London Plus and weather

7.00 Wogan
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs
series presented by Lynn Faulds
Wood and John Stapleton
8.00 Brush Strokes. Comedy series

starring Karl Howman as an amorous painter and decorator. (Ceefax)

8.30 Supersense. This third programme of the series examines animal sounds that are normally unheard by the 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk, Regional news and

weather
9.30 Film: High Risk (1981) starring
James Brolin, Lindsay Wagner,
Anthony Quinn, James Coburn
and Ernest Borgnine. Thriller and Ernest Borgnine. Thriller about a plot to rob a millionaire drugs dealer who is holed-up in a virtually impregnable Colombian fortress. Directed by Stewart Raffill. (Ceefax)

11.00 A Very Peculiar Practice. The final episode of the comedy series set in the medical centre of a university (r). (Ceefax)

11.55 Film: Rose Marie (1954) starring Howard Keel, Ann Blyth and Fernando Lamas. Musical romance about a Canadian

romance about a Canadian Mountie and the girl he loses to a French trapper. Directed by Mervyn Le Roy

6.00 DEF II begins with INXS: In Search of Excellence. A profile of the Australian rock group 6.35 DEF IP's Christmas Comedy Club with Harry Enfield, Hale and

Pace and Rory Bremner
7.05 The Phil at the Albert. The
BBC Philharmonic Orchestra,

conducted by Kurt Sanderling, perform Schumenn's Symphony No 4 in D minor at the Royal Albert Hall 7.40 The Education Programme

9.00 Screen Two: Shadow of the Earth (1987) starring Sam Hickman, Craig Smith and Dale Martin. A made-for-television story set in 1961 Scotland

story set in 1961 Scotland
about a trio of young boys
obsessed with space travel
and aliens. Directed by Chris
bernard. (Ceefax)

10.10 The Tracey Ullman Show.
10.30 Newsnight 11.15 Weather
11.20 Cameron Country. James
Cameron returns to Dundee (r).

12.05am International Show Jumping. Ends at 1.00.

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1.30-3.30 Film: Inspector Clouseau
6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Day in
The Fight Off..., 10.35 Head to Head
11.20 Out of the Darkness 1.05em
Yachting 2.05 I Spy 3.10 DC Folies
3.40 50 Minutes 4.30-5.00 Night Best.

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6.00 TV-em begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Mike Morris; 7.00 News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Kathy Roctiford; 8.00 News; 9.00 News and After Nine. Women's magazine Presented by Gordon Burns.
(Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Alec looks
forward to the Christmas take at

9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game. The host is Lennie Bennett. 9.55 Themes news and weather 10.00 The Time. . The Place. . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a

topical subject

10.40 This Morning presented by
Judy Finnigan and Richard
Madeley. Today's edition of
the magazine series includes an item on small garden care. Plus national news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55.

12.10 Playbox with Pat Coombs and Keith Chegwin 12.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series

set in a remote Australian 1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville 1.20 Thames news

Somerville 1.20 Themes news
and weather
1.30 Film: The Bishop's Wife (1947,
b/w) starring Cary Grant, Lorette
Young and David Niven.
Comedy about an angel who
comes to earth to help a young
bishop who has been so busy
fund-raising that he has lost
touch with his parishioners and his
wife. Directed by Henry Koster
3.25 Themes news and weather
3.30 The Young Doctors.
4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and
Friends (1). 4.10 The Rattles 4.20
The Real Ghostifusters.
Cartoon series 4.45 Knightmers.
Computer adventure
competition

Computer adventure competition
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness
5.45 News with Flona Armstrong
6.00 Thames news and weather
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Joe decides to move back into Emmerdale — bringing Kate Hughes with him

7.00 The Krypton Factor. This last group final features competitors from Derby, Wakefield, Shepherd's Bush and Ross-shire.

the Rovers. (Oracle)

3.09 Wish You Were Here. .?

Judith Chaimers has a weekend in New York, John Carter goes to La Rochelle by rail and air travel; and Arneka Rice tries a water-color principle. colour painting course in Wales.

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(Oracle)

8.30 World in Action: Doing the
Honours. (see Choice)

9.00 Geme, Set & Match. The final
episode of the grama based on
Len Delghton's spy trilogy and
Samson has to take charge of the last operation to test the motivation of the Soviet defector, Stinnes. Starring Ian Holm.

(Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes. 10.30 Themes news and weather 10.35 Film: Being There (1979)
starring Peter Sellers and Shirley
Maclaine. Black comedy about
a simple man whose silences are a simple man whose sterices are construed as genius by a group of kingmakers who see him as presidential material. Directed by Hal Ashby late Sportsworld Extra. Boxing, European football and the goals from the Barclays League division one.

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2.00 News headines followed by
Film: Heaven Can Walt (1978)
starring Warren Beatty, Julie
Christie and James Mason. An
American footbeller is killed in
a car crash and then returns to

earth in another man's body.
Directed by Warren Beatty and
Buck Henry.

4.00 News headlines followed by 60
Minutes. Interviews and
investigations from the United
States 5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at

CHANNEL 4

learning series
2.90 Film: The Little Princess (1939)

4.30 Fifteen to One. Quiz game 5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show
6.00 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage
American comedy series

6.30 Hillwomen. A documentary about three young women who run a farm in Snowdonia
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nik Gowing
7.30 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 Brookelde. Harry is upset when told he has to play Father Christmas at the Club. (Oracle)
8.30 AE I Want for Christmas. A preview of C4's festive offerings
9.00 in the Club? — Birth Control this Century. The final part of the series on the history of contraception

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9.45 Masterworks. Jacob van Ruisdae's "The Large Forest".

10.00 Hill Street Blues. An aggrieved Buntz lies in wait for a loan shark

11.00 The Eleventh Hour begins with The Black Tower. Mystery about an omnipresent black tower

11.25 London Story. Two men plot to bring down the government (r). 11.45 Thriller (b/w). A feminist murder mystery based on Puccini's La Bohame

12.30am Tears, Laughter, Fears &

12.30am Tears, Laughter, Fears & Rage, Part four — rage (r). Ends at 1.00

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Brideshead Revisited 5.30 Country Practice 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Soc One 7.00
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NETWORK 2 Starts:

9.30 Film: My Favourite Blonds
(1942, b/w) starring Bob Hope.
Comedy about a vaudevillean
who becomes involved with an
Allied spy. Directed by Sidney
Lanfield
10.55 Film: My Little Chickadee

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(1940, b/w) starring Mae West and
W. C. Fields. Comedy about a
young woman whose stagecoach
is held up by a masked bandit.
Directed by Edward Cline
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and
business news service
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school

2.00 Film: The Little Princass (1939) starring Shirley Temple as a Victorian orphan being harshly treated by her headmistress. Directed by Walter Lang
3.45 Years Ahead includes interviews with Ben Warriss and Spike Milligan; and music from Joe Loss and his Big Band and the Destord Youth Band
4.30 Filternan One Out grame

1.20 News 1.30-3.30 Film: Red Skies of Montana 6.00-7.00 Northern Life 10.35 Lady and the Stripper 11.20 Heart of the City 12.00 Film: Houdini 2.05am Sportsweek 3.40 Backtrack 3.40 60 Minuses 4.30-6.00 Night

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3.40 60 Minutes 4.30-5.00 Night Beat. YORKSHIRE As London

1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20 News
1.30 Five Minuses 1.35 Firm: Iron Maiden
1.30 4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00
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11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Firm:
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American Footbal 9.00 Couples and Robbers 9.30 Utster Hall 10.30 Network News 10.50 Film: Jagged Edga 12.45am Closedown

Baker explores the BBC Sound Library (s) 8.57 Weather Kaleidoscope: Frank Clarks writer of Letter to Brezhne

with John Waite 12.25 Round Britain Quiz: Irene

Thomas and Eric Kom challenge John Julius Norwich and Peter Oppenheimer. Gordon Clough and Louis Alien preside 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.45 The Archers (r) 1.55

Szechuan fu, there is a discussion about how to orevent it and what it is:

7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme:
Derek Cooper takes a philosophical look at gluttony and reviews the sparking wine now being produced in places such at india, Kent and Sussex
7.45 Science New with Peter Evans (r)
8.15 Violette: Play by Ray
Jones (s) (see Choice)
9.30 Lord's Day: Margaret Howard meets the second Baron Colwyn, who runs a busy dental practice and Baron Colwyn, who runs a busy dental practice and plays a trumpet in his own society dance bend (r)

9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes a review of Fred Kaptan's biography of Dickens; an interview with Devid Hayman, the newly-appointed director of 7:84 Scottand, about his plans for the theatrical company; and a report from New York about what is happening in the Big Apple

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy. Read by Kerneth Haigh (1 of 20) 10.29

Weather

10.30 The World Toricht

writer of Letter to Brezhev
and The Fruit Machine,
takes Paul Allen on a tour of
his home city, Liverpool (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.85 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial
Report
6.30 The News Quiz: Barry Took
with Richard Ingrams, Alan
Coren and guests (s) (r)
7.00 News

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An honourable system?

TELEVISION

CHOICE With another honours list due in 10 days' time, World in Action (ITV, 8.30pm) takes a sceptical look at a system that often seems more intent on rewarding political loyalty than disinterested public service. The programme contrasts the knighthood bestowed on Sir Gordon Reece, Mrs Thatcher's former publicity director and the man who taught her to lower her voice on television, with the MBE awarded to Dr Pauline Cutting, heroine of Beirut, or the lowly British Empire rescung people from the Bradford stadium fire. Nicholas Winterton, the Conservative MP, suggests that the prospect of a knighthood is a way of buying off variance. way of buying off potential backbench rebels when the Government faces awkward Commons votes on matters like charges for eye tests. Under Mrs Thatcher no fewer

than 83 Tory MPs have been knighted, but after this pro-

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NIW (medium wave)
4.00 Steve Medden 5.30 Chris
Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30
Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young
1.05 David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria
Hunnitord 3.30 Adrian Love
5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Alan Dell
with Dance Band Days and
7.30 Big Band Era 6.30 Big Band
Special 9.00 Humphrey
Lyttston 10.00 The Law Game
10.30 Double Bill 11.00 Brian
Matthew with Round Midnight 1.00
Alex Lester with Nightride

Alex Lester with Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music **WORLD SERVICE**

All times in GMT.

7.80 World News 7.30 The European Court of Human Rights 8.00 World News 8.00 Review of the British Prises 9.15 Good Books 9.30 Financial News tollowed by Sports Roundup 8.45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.00 News Summary 18.01 With Good Reason 10.30 The Vintage Chart Show 11.00 World News 11.90 News about British 11.15 Tech Talk 11.30 Londres Midt; Franch News 11.30 Londres Midt; Franch News Megazine 12.00 Newsreel 12.15 Back to Square One 12.45 Sports Roundup 100 World News 1.30 24 Hours followed by Financial News 1.30 The European Court of Human Rights 2.00 Outlook, opening with World News 2.45 Gospel Explorations 9.00 Newsreel 3.15 The Anglicans of Ireland 4.00 World News 4.08 News about Britain 4.15 Five William Stories 4.30 Tech Talk 4.45 The World Today 9.00 World News 5.08 Commentary 5.16 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Bor 8.30 Heuts Adult 1.00 Financial Revent Roundup Revent R Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heuse Aktuel 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 World News 8.08 The World Todey 8.25 Words of Felth 8.30 The Vintage Chart Show 8.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Europe's World 9.30 Sports International 16.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.30 Members 11.15 The Learning World 11.30 Multitrack 1 12.00 Newsbesk 12.30 Megamix 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Prisercial News 1.50 Poems by Post 1.45 Europe's World 2.00 World News 2.08 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 3.10 World News 3.00 News about Britain 3.15 The World Todey 3.30 John Poel 400 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Todey 3.00 News Headlines 5.35 Financial News 6.80 Newsdesk 6.36 Londres Matin

Quarter) 11.55 BBC Scottish Symphony

eter Lawson (piano) 1.00 News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert:

Live from St John's, Smith Square, London, Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields



Honourable mentions: Pauline Cutting, who received only an MBE, and Sir Gordon Reece, who was knighted (ITV, 8.30pm)

Conservative Party funds. Mr of becoming Sir David by Winterton further blows his declaring that "Mrs Thatchchances by declaring that industrialists have been given may or may not be significant that the one-third of Britain's

er's use of the honours system industrialists have been given knighthoods whom he would not have paid in washers. It didn't blush easily."

Peter Waymark

CASS CARSE Radio 3 6.55 Weather, followed by News Headines 7.00 Morning Concert: Chabrier (Espana: French NO under Jordan): Honegger (Concerto de camera for

flute, cor anglais and strings: I Musici de Montreat directed by Yuli Turovksy) directed by Yuli Turovicsy)
7.30 News
7.35 Morring Concert (contd):
Tchaikovsky (The
Nutcracker, Op 71:
Leningrad PO under
Mravinsky); Borodin
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8.30 News

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8.35 Composers of the Week:
Schubert. Trio in one
movement in B flat (D 28);
Beaux Arts Trio; Au mein
Klavier (D 342); Mergaret
Price (soprano) with
Wolfgang Sewallisch
(piano); Soneta No 3 in G
minor (D 408); Jaap
Schroder (violin) and
Christopher Hogwood
(fortsplano); An die Musik (D
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Gerald Moore (piano);
Sonata (Duo) in A (D 574);
David Oistrakh (violin) with
Sviatoslav Richter (piano)
9.35 A Morning Sequence;
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Barber of Bagdad;
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Nacht: Berlin PO under Karajani; Ives (Sonata No 3: Sophie Langdon, violin, and Clifford Benson, piano); Vaughan Williams (Silent Noon: Peter Dawson, bass-baritone, and Madame Adami piano): Patitien barttone, and Macame
Adami, piano); Britten
(Piano Concerto Op 13:
ECO under the composer
with Swistoslav Richter);
Mozart (String Quartet in D,
K 575: Lindsay String
Cuartet)

conducts Revueltas' Redes; Serebrier's Fantasia; Turina's La oracion del torero; and Falla's Nights in

Chamber Ensemble play Mozart's Serenade in G (K 525); and Mendelssohn's Octet in E flat Op 20

2.45 Mikhañ Pletnev: The planist plays Brahms's Sonata No 3 in F minor; and Tchafkovsky's Suite from The Nutoracker (arr Pletnev)

3.45 Youth Orchestras of the World: Shelius Academy Chamber Orchestra under Tuomas Haspanen perform Mozart's Divertimento in D (K 136); Britten's Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge; and Bartok's Divertimento for String Orchestra

4.55 Kenneth Leighton: Second 4.35 Remett Leighton: Second of two programmes recorded in Wakefield Cathedral where Leighton was a chorister. Jonathan Bielby (organ) plays Festival Fanfare; and Fantasles on Hymn-Tunes Op 72
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: With Andrew Kenner

Andréw Kenner 7.00 News 7.05 News
7.05 Third Ear: Ken Campbell,
Director of the NT's Magic
Olympical Games, talks to
Michael Coveney
7.30 Elliott Carter: Ensemble Intercontemporain under Pierre Boulez with Heinz Holliger (oboe) perform Franco Donatoni's Cadea Eliott Carter's Penthode; Boulez's Derive; and Carter's Oboe Concerto. Includes 8.00 Elfott Carter

talks about his new Obce Sens about his few Cook
Concerto

9.00 The Jewish People in the
Year 2000: In the first of
three talks by Rabbi Dr
Jonathan Sacks, Principal of
Jews College, London, asks
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outhorizer which values

orthodoxy which values moderation as a religious ideal?

9.20 Music of the Burmese 9.20 Music of the Burmese
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duets by U Myint Maung
and U Thet Wat; plus Hsaing
Waing (orchestral) music by
musicians from Mandalay
and Okkalapa
10.25 Britannia Triumphans: First
of 12 programmes of
English Consort music from
the court of Kassel
performed by Parley of

performed by Parley of instruments directed by Peter Holman and Mark Caucile, and New London Consort directed by Philip

Pickett. 11.00 Composers of the Week: Erich Korngold, Mildos Rozsa and Max Steiner. Film scores and concert Film scores and concert works by three Central European composers who settled in Hollywood (r)

12.00 News 12.05 Wolf 88:
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7.20, 8.00, 8.30 News
6.55, 7.55 Weather
8.35 The Week on 4: Praview of the coming week's programmes. Prasented by Eugene Fraser
8.42 Sound Effects Safart: Nick Baker explores the BBC Classics" series of records, takes about his love of classical music; and a group of people describe how they can organize wacky parties in your home

3.60 News; The Dwelling Place: Play by Catherine Cookson about a young girl's attempts to bring up a tamily of nine when her parents die. With Jan Graveson and Rod Arthur (s) (f)

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and Local Hero, and Emma
Soames, editor of Tatler (s)
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news presented by Louise
Botting (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Even the
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Whenly, Read by William
Roberts
10.45 Daily Service from St
George's, Brandon Hill,
Bristol (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Down Your
Way; Bel Mooney visits
Great Ormond Street
Hospital for Sick Children (r)
11.50 Poetry Pleasel Listeners

11.50 Poetry Ressel Listeners requests presented by John Fuller and read by June Barrie and Martin Jarvis (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours:
Consumer news and advice with John Weith

Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour: For those who have not succumbed to the new

prevent it and what it is; plus a report on what the modern day city of Sethlehem is like, particularly at Christmas; Chris Baines, the wild life gardener, reflects on the live years since he started

Weather
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11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parlament
12.00 News Incl 12.20 Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast
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RADIO CHOICE



Emile Zola, who took refuge in England (R4, 8.15pm)

· Violet Vizetelly is a mere footnote in the official accounts of Zola's role in the Dreyfus affair. Sixteen years old, French-speaking, and daughter of a close friend of Zola, she did little beyond housekeeping for the writer when, at the end of the last century, he sought refuge in sensible rural England until such time as French public life came to its senses. In Ray Jenkins's play Violette (Radio 4, 8.15pm), she helps Zola retain his sanity by softening his horror of English cooking with the occasional Frenchstyle steak. In itself, this should not entitle her to have a play named after her when there are more momentous things happening in 1898, like poor Dreyfus rotting away on Devil's Island, and Frenchmen back home noisily splitting into pro- and anti-Dreyfus camps. The way that Jenkins elevates Violette from footnote to chapter heading is to use her as the sieve through which Zola (for the benefit of those of us who cannot remember what happened before he penned his historic "I Accuse ... " open letter) pours the relevant facts in the

mileage left in it. Peter Davalle

Dreyfus case. It is a device that has worked well enough in other plays, and Violette

shows there is still a lot of



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fear political consequences of egg crisis

and Food, will to-day announce the Government's million a week, in an attempt to rescue Britain's 5,000 egg producers and their employees from the effects of the salmonella scare.

Last night ministers were still working on final details, which Mr Macgregor has promised to keep under wraps until MPs are told about them in the Commons this after-

With 15 million eggs a day being added to a stockpile of 350 million in unsold stocks, the resignation of Mrs Edwina Currie, the junior health minister whose comments started the current crisis, has switched the spotlight on to Mr Mac-Gregor's ministry.

Some senior ministers are concerned that the Government could look ridiculous if there is now a big outbreak of salmonella which is traced to eggs or chickens.

They are are freely admitting that studies show that up to 60 per cent of chicken carcasses are contaminated with salmonella, which is The Government's harmless enough if they are £500,000 advertising camcooked correctly, but, as one minister said: "Edwina may have exaggerated the problem but she did not invent it".

Tory MPs are now worried by the political implications of United Kingdom Egg Producthe affair. They fear that the having knuckled under too readily to egg producers' lobby and that this will enable the opposition parties to present themselves as cham-pions of the consumer. Some undercooked eggs.

Mr John MacGregor, the Min- Conservative MPs without ister for Agriculture, Fisheries farming interests are worried and Food, will to-day anthat the ministry has been insufficiently rigorous about scheme for buying-in surplus sloppy feed practices and eggs at a cost of more than £1 shown an indifference towards

> Mrs Currie is likely to get an early opportunity to air her views before the agriculture ommittee, which meets on Wednesday, and to justify, if she wishes, her statement that "most egg production" was contaminated with salmonella. Leading members said yesterday that they wanted to

know why she said what she did and what briefings she had received from her department. If she admitted that there were briefing documents, the committee would almost cer-

tainly use its powers to de-mand that the Department of

Health produce them. It has emerged that Mrs Currie did not volunteer her into going after senior ministers and whips advised that the only way the growing crisis could be resolved was by

sacrificing her. Government's paign ostensibly to restore public confidence in eggs was described yesterday as "an absolute disaster" by Mr Dennis Warren, chairman of the ers' Association.

The full page advertisement included a warning that there was a risk, particularly to groups such as the elderly, small children and pregnant women, from eating raw or

TV evidence speed up for child abuse cases

Continued from page 1 abusers the punishments now

In response, Mr John Pat-State, is expected to announce a Home Office review of the give evidence against them. recent changes in legal proce- Courts can now draw inrecent changes in legal procedure and the range of penalties ferences from someone into see if additional deterrents volved in a child abuse case are needed

Ministers believe that over four years they have built up an almost complete package of deter the child abuser. The new Criminal Justice Act has increased the possible punishment for child neglect from been extended.

two to 10 years. Other serious attacks on children – murder, rape, grievous bodily harm, buggery - now carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

allegedly lenient sentences for child abusers to the Court of

Recent legislation makes it ten. Home Office Minister of possible for spouses of alleged abusers to be compelled to refusing to give a urine sample.

Children giving evidence no longer have to have it corrobopenalties and procedures to rated by an adult. The range of offences on which a child can give a written statement in committal proceedings has

Since September possession of an indecent photo of a child has been an offence, facilitating action against paedophile rings.Ministers are taking some satisfaction from im-From February I the Attorney proved clear-up rates for General will be able to refer crimes against children.

Conservatives | Armenian concert raises a million hopes



Mstislav Rostropovich: "This was a demonstration of humanity to the world."



James Galway, the flautist, and Andre Previn, the conductor, before the concert.

By Andrew Morgan

head of the Armenian church in Britain yesterday praised the organizers of the Musicians for Armenia concert on Saturday night. It has helped to raise well over £1 million and the final figure

The sell-out concert at the Barbican, in the presence of the Prince and Princess of Times and organized by the British Association of Concert Agents. Proceeds will go to the British Red Cross Armenian Earthquake Appeal which has raised £1.5 million.

The concert, with musicians giving their services free, prought in £280,000 alone from ticket sales, donations from artists as well as tele-

The concert was relayed live in Britain, Australia, The Netherlands and Ireland, where donations were terday flooding to the Red Cross. It will also be broadcast in America on Christmas Day with an appeal and later in the Soviet Union.

Bishop Yeghishe Gizirian, resident of the Aid Armenia

oncert was very inspiring and very impressive. We are grateto those raising money which is having direct effect."

Bishop Gizirian said that the Prince had expressed his deep concern and had made a rsonal contribution. "The presence of the royal couple

Many of the artists altered plans to play at the concert. Mstislav Rostropovich, the cellist, and his wife, Galina

Vishnevskaya, the soprano, postponed the start of a tour to India to play and Mr Yuri Bashmet, the viola player, flew in from Moscow.

The most poignant perfor-sance in an emotional evening the finale from Britten's third for the dead. Visibly moved, he had asked for no applause and

Madame Vishnevskaya friends and it is even more said: "It was an incredible

lieved more than 80,000 had feeling for us Russian people perished but he added: "The It was very important for It was very important for artists to perform this concert and it is important that Armenian people know what has been going on in London. It will please them that the royal e were bere."

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Mr Restropovich, who was born in Azerbaijan, added: "This was a demonstration o humanity to the world and it was wonderful seeing my dearest friends participate."

Andrei Gavrilov, the pianist whose mother is Armenian. played a Mozart fantasie and a Chopin etude. Afterwards, he said: "I don't have words in Rusian or English to express my emotion.

"We must learn to live without a catastrophe having to bring us closer. That is why I am a musician."

Several celebrated musi ians, including Alfred Brendel Zabin Mehta and Sir Yehudi Menuin, sent messages to the concert. Vladimir Ashkenazy said: "This disaster is of such proportions that words are irrelevant. My teacher was Armenian, a wonderful musician. I have many Armenian with personal links."

Kremlin moves towards abolition of the death penalty

Continued from page 1 cide, which is defined as murder

with a racial motive.

Armenians had been lobbying for such a crime to be recognized since the killing of 28 Armenians during a pogrom in the Azerbaijani city of mgait last February.

They may be disappointed, however, that the new offence is to carry a maximum penalty of 15 years' jail and not the death penalty. It may not be coincidental that

Tass yesterday reported for the first

ago on Akhmed Akhmedov, who was convicted of instigating the Sumgait killings.

The report from the official news agency made it clear that his sentence was death, and that it was not subject to appeal.

The tone of the draft guidelines for the new criminal code suggests the possibility of a generally less draconian approach to the enforcement of law and order than in the past. There are repeated references

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to respect for mitigating circumstances, the desirability of finding alternatives to prison, and a specific statement that the purpose of punishment is not to occasion physical suffering or to degrade.

It will be pointed out, however, that earlier criminal codes also stated that the chief aim of punishment was re-education and reform but that did not prevent the excesses of the Stalin years or the prolifera-tion of the gulags.

One specific disappointment will

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be the failure of the new draft to abolish political crime.

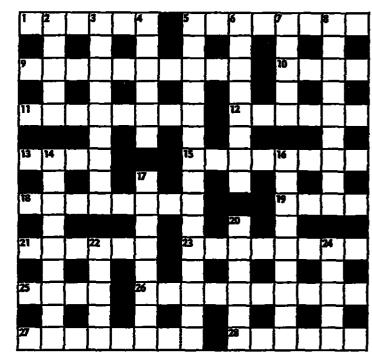
While there is no mention of Articles 70/72 and 190/191, the most frequently used against dissidents - suggesting that they may, as rumoured, be omitted from the new code - Article 2 in the introductory section of the draft says that the purpose of the country's criminal legislation is "to safeguard the social structure of the Soviet Union, its political and economic systems", as well as the rights and

freedoms of its citizens, and state and co-operative property.

This preliminary statement suggests that political and judicial considerations will continue to be closely entwined even after the new code is approved. A month has now been set aside for public comment and discussion before the proposals are finalized.

The draft provides the model on which the criminal codes for the 15 republics of the Soviet Union are

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1 Nowhere is perfect (6).

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12 Put detectives right on turning over Scandinavian (6).

13 Start work in French (4). 15 Confidential hint (8).

18 Forsaken by sweetheart, desire to see service (8).

19 Get set to fire a male (4). 21 Punish repeatedly to bring about

23 Statesmanlike? (8).

25 Score a point, being smart (4). 26 A Trojan woman had no cream for cooking (10).

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3 Settle on woven cane maybe (9). 4 Attachment for a girl over the 5 In a ship one goes up and down

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7 The person with gold will get the property (5).

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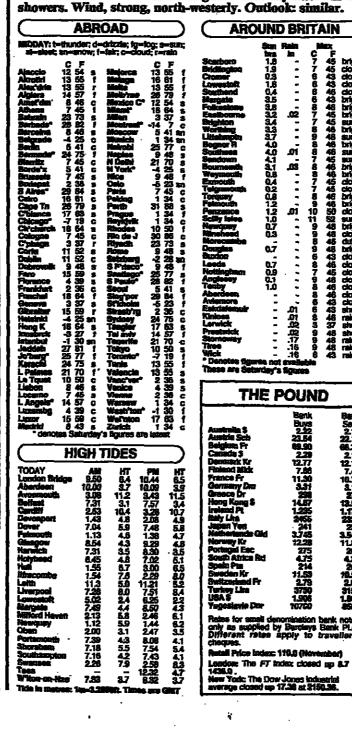
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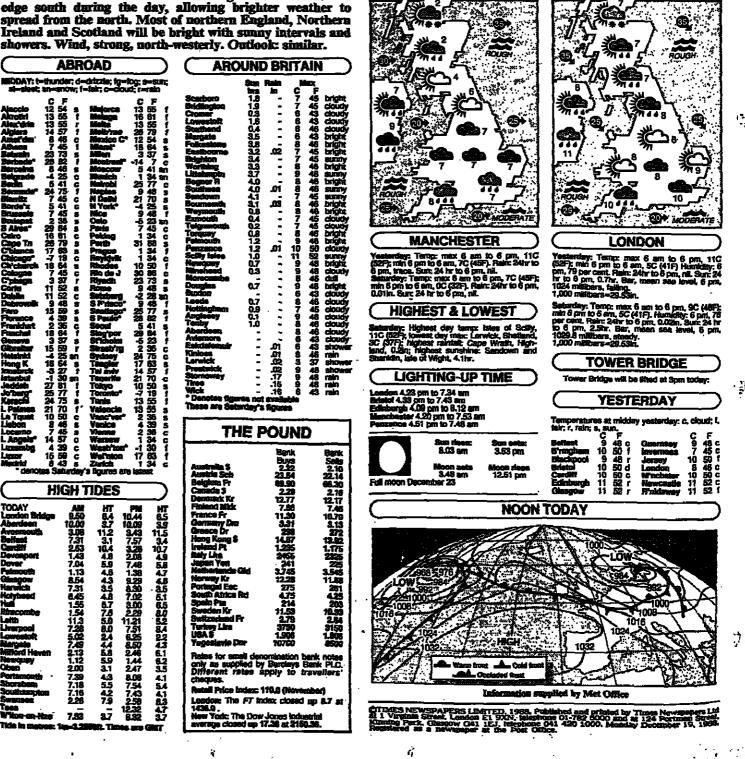
Coucise crossword, page 18

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the nguage jungle. Which of the essible definitions is correct? FOOT FAULTS By Philip Howard FOOT LAMBERT a. The Pretender's Army b. A stable lad c. A unit of light FOOT POUND h. A footpath toll c. Medieval yomping FOOT STRIFE . A running race . Dialect for charlock c. Corns and busions FOOTSTALL b. An aid to good sufferers c. A side-step of swerre

The solution of Saturday's **Prize Puzzle** No 17,855 will appear next Saturday

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Executive Editor David Brewerton

Textron to seek talks with Banner

By Martin Waller

Textron, the US conglomerate which emerged at the weekend as the counter-bidder for Avdel, the British industrial fasteners group, will this week be trying to persuade Banner Industries, another US company, to drop its hostile bid for Avdel and accept its offer.

Textron launched its bid last week through Schroders, the London merchant bank initially anonymously. The offer stands or falls by the response of Banner, which already controls 43 per cent of

The Banner offer, which was increased to 88p cash, closes on December 30. Textron, best known as the manufacturer of Bell helicopters and about 70th by size in US corporate rankings, is offering 4p more.

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Mr Raymond Caine, a vicepresident at Textron, was undismayed by Banner's immediate rejection of its bid. We would be pleased to talk to Banner," he said.

Banner's profit on the deal. were it to walk away and sell its holding to Textron, is thought to approach £6 million before expenses.

Textron also makes a range of industrial and commercial products, including lawnmowers and golf carts, as well as owning Avco, the third largest consumer credit opera-tion in the world.

Bid values

T-Line

at £165m

By Our City Staff

Ladbroke Group has an-

nounced the terms of its bid

for Thomson T-Line, the industrial conglomerate which

owns the Vernons pools busi-

ness, valuing the company at

£165.1 million.

offered £1 a share.

The offer document

emphasis, like Suter, on niche

Ladbroke concludes: "It can be assumed therefore that the cash flow of Vernons was

planned to be spent pursuing this industrial strategy, thereby placing another drain on

Thomson's balance sheet." It claims Ladbroke's offer. conditional on the Suter deal

being voted down by Thomson shareholders at Wednes-

day's extraordinary meeting.

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Ladbroke is urging its

quarry to publish a profits

forecast for the year to end-

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fund its development. Its main interest is in

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Pillsbury talks as court rules for GrandMet

By Graham Searjeant and Bailey Morris

last night nearer victory than ever before in its \$5.5 billion (£3 billion) battle for America's Pillsbury group. But it may have to raise its bid from \$63 to \$66 a share to clinch the deal.

The Pillsbury board started an urgent meeting late yes-terday in Minneapolis, following court rulings on Friday which threw out its main poison pill defences against GrandMet.

Mr Philip Smith, the chairman, and his colleagues had to decide whether to lodge an immediate appeal against the court ruling or to enter nego-tiations with GrandMet over an agreed price for the diverse food group.

An appeal, even if it failed, could delay a GrandMet takeover by two months, not counting the effect of other continuing spoiling moves by the Pillsbury board.

But the court case revealed that the two sides had been close to agreement over price only a week ago, when GrandMet's chairman Mr Al-

Grand Metropolitan was while Mr Smith said he could not consider anything under

GrandMet unilaterally raised its offer from \$60 to \$63 after the talks broke down but has issued an open invitation for further talks.

The Pillsbury board is also under pressure from the threat of further lawsuits from dis-gruntled shareholders who have backed the GrandMet bid. If it appealed against the court judgment and lost, GrandMet could eventually win with a \$63 a share

bid although it had already offered \$65 conditional on Pillsbury approval.

GrandMet might well agree

a compromise \$66 offer - equivalent to about 24 times Pilisbury's earnings — to gain agreement from the board for a swift end to the bid.

Friday's ruling in Delaware, unless upset on appeal, would allow GrandMet to complete the bid, which has won acceptance from holders of 87 per cent of Pillsbury's shares.

Judge William Duffy ruled

US company from proceeding with its "poison pill defence" He also ruled that Pillsbury could not proceed with its planned spinoff of its ailing Burger King fast food chain, which was to be accompanied by the payment of a special dividend to shareholders. The spinoff was planned for early

In turning aside Pillsbury's assertion that the GrandMet offer posed serious risks, Judge Duffy said that "the risk is not so serious that it should deprive the holders of the 87 per cent majority of their right to decide whether to accept or to reject the GrandMet offer."

After the ruling Mr Ian Martin, chairman of Grand-Met's US operations, urged Pillsbury's management and board to work with the British company in orchestrating a smooth completion of the takeover.

Before yesterday's board meeting some Pillsbury of-ficials said that they would move to appeal against the ruling as quickly as possible. GrandMet will today announce an agreed £20 million deal to buy the Germanlen Sheppard offered up to \$65 against Pillsbury on two cru- owned Wienerwald chain of a share for an agreed deal cial counts. He enjoined the 200 licensed restaurants.



Serving a range of natural foods: Malcolm Parkinson, former chief executive of Woolworth

Parkinson develops taste for national organic food chain

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

former chief executive of the non-executive director. Mr Woolworth high street store chain and a founder director of Woolworth's B&Q the market leader in do-it-yourself, is heading a plan to create the first national chain selling organically grown foods and

other "natural" goods. Mr Parkinson, who latterly has developed the Retail Corporation with its chain of garden centres, believes the already surging demand for organic foods is starting the

sector on a new phase. He said: "There is no longer the old cranky earnest-amateur image. The big superorganic produce they can get and at much better margins.

"We shall bring retailing expertise to a sector which so far has not had it."

He is non-executive chairman of the Land and Food Company, created by Mr Paul Jackson, an organic farmer with retailing ambitions, who has also attracted Mr Rov organically raised at the com-

Mr Malcolm Parkinson, the Doughty, to the venture as a pany farm and organic cham-Doughty was until recently Although it takes at least general manager of Duracell UK, the battery makers.

cal free.

Mr Stuart Donaldson, a property company manager, has also joined the director

A national chain of outlets is planned, all to be farm shops and some to be run on a franchise basis. looking for products "with integrity." He said: "My skills are in retailing and I have been

Produce of local organic farms would be sold, with each outlet having specializations such as an on-site bakery or a butchery. The aim will be the first

chain of one-stop shops for a problem with organic foods at wines. The company is already

involved in production with a 200-acre organic farm in Hertfordshire.

Negotiations have started to acquire other farms around the country. The company's meats this Christmas include 24 turkeys

too many overheads and marketing is way below par. We have to get away from the

farmshop image with a sack of souds in the corner." Funding so far has been under the Business Expansion Scheme and a new prospectus may be issued next year as the

venture develops.

two years for farms to free

themselves of pesticides and

other chemicals in the soil to

switch to organic farming, Mr

Parkinson says there is a big

acreage that is already chemi-

Mr Parkinson was attracted

to the idea because he was

examining various unexploi-ted areas of the marketplace.

Mr Jackson said: "The basic

iency, a limited infrastructure,

This is one of them."

Retailers expect to hit targets

By Our Economics Correspondent

Retailers have cast off much of their despondency over Christmas prospects after enjoying their best weekend of the year. With a full week's trading to go before Christmas Day, most appear to be confident of achieving targets.

This suggests that retail sales weakness in November, when the Department of Trade and Industry's official index fell 0.5 per cent on the month, was partly because shoppers delayed, rather than cancelled, shopping plans. A spokesman for Marks and

Spencer said sales this year were up to estimates, while stressing that the final week of trading before Christmas was

John Lewis Partnership reported detailed figures for the week ending December 10 showing that department store sales reached a record £34 million, 9.6 per cent up on last year. This was above estimates, after several weeks in which sales had just failed to hit targets.

Sales were strong in both northern and southern stores, with Southampton up 11.5 per cent on a year ago, Bristol up 10.7 per cent, Sheffield 10.2 per cent and Liverpool 10 per cent. However, smaller increases were recorded in the Partnership's London stores.

"It seems to have been pretty steady," a spokesman

said.
At Boots, sales of traditional gift items such as cosmetics and perfumes, were said to be going very well. But even larger items of expenditure such aselectronic keyboards, portable typewriters and small colour televisions were also selling well.

Non-food retailers expect to achieve a high proportion of their annual turnover in the run-up to Christmas, in some cases 50 per cent or more. The next few days will determine whether official hopes of a slowdown in spending, repeated by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, yesterday, are

Tyndall links with S Korea

vndall Holdings, the quoted fund management group, is to market its funds to government-approved investors in South Korea through an exclusive agreement with Lucky Securities, one of the largest securities houses in that country. The deal is believed to be the first between a Western financial services group and a Korean securities house.

Lawson hope on growth

By Our Economics Correspondent

Lawson, said yesterday that the sustainable rate of growth stop-go' situation of the for the economy, without 1950s and 1960s. rising inflation and worsening balance of payments prob-lems, had reached 3.5 per cent

Growth was likely to exceed 4.5 per cent this year, he said. The 80p cash offer is "But all the signs are that the accompanied by a loan note | economy is slowing down in just the way I'd hoped it alternative, paying interest at would," he said in an interper cent below Libor, while view on the BBC's Money preference shareholders are Programme.

The debate over whether out over the weekend after the the economy has really embid last week, cheekily quotes barked upon a new, permanently stronger, growth phase, has intensified during the from Thomson's own circular issued with its bid for Mr David Abell's Suter, which autumn, as interest rates have read: "Thomson's strategy is been raised in response to rising inflation and a record to concentrate resources in the current account deficit. distribution and assembly areas of industry with particular

Washington (Reuter) - The increase in Third World debt

will slow to 3 per cent this year

low economic growth in many

debtor nations means no end

to the crisis is in sight, the World Bank said yesterday.

\$1,300 billion, and said failure

to resolve the debt crisis could

pose new risks for creditor

banks in the industrial world.

While progress was made in Brazil, Mexico, Chile and

Colombia, other nations, incl-

uding sub-Saharan African

states, were experiencing rising government deficits and inflationary pressures.

The bank said it might be

necessary to rework the 1985 by a combine Baker plan, formulated by loans, write-outhen US Treasury Secretary nomic reform.

It put Third World debt at

from 11 per cent in 1987, but Mexico

The Chancellor said the economy was now capable of sustaining a growth rate higher than at any time in the past. But he also emphasised that the control of inflation would take priority over maintaining growth in the short term.

He rejected the option of allowing sterling to fall, even if exports weakened in the coming months. "It's absolutely ential as part of the battle against inflation . . . " he said.
"It would be wholly inappropriate to allow the pound to take a dive. And we have, of course, record reserves which are not irrelevant."

The City will be watching closely for the November Critics have argued that, trade figures, due on Friday, after the temporary boost to amid fears of another £2 the balance of payments pro- billion-plus current account and that's what we've seen."

World Bank warns

of new debt risks

Argentina

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The Chancellor, Mr Nigel vided by North Sea oil, the deficit. Dealers warned that currency movements were likely to be exaggerated in the wake of the figures by thin, holiday markets.

> Mr Lawson said inflation was still on course to dropping to 5 per cent by the end of next year, in spite of the upward revision last week, from 6.25 to 6.5 per cent, of the Treasury's estimate for the fourth quarter of this year.

The Chancellor refused, however, to set a target date for zero inflation. "It'll take a said, "but the important thing is to be moving in the right direction, that's the important. thing with inflation. But also to improve the performance of the economy generally reviving the enterprise culture

so that people really can give of their best, so that living standards can rise steadily,

Reed pays £25m for Shah group

other step towards building up its publishing side, after selling off its packaging interests, with the £25 million purchase of Mr Eddie Shah's Messenger chain of 20 newspapers in the

at a significantly lower exit price earnings multiple than is usual in the local newspaper industry, said Mr Peter Davis, the chief executive.

The Messenger group's profits are not being revealed, but are believed to be in the region of £3 million-£4 million a year. On this basis, Reed is buying them on less than 10 times earnings.

north-west. The purchase was achieved

Reed International took an- up the record of not diluting earnings," Mr Davis added. "We jumped at them because they fit in well. We're strong north of Manchester and along the coast. We're not very strong south of Manchester. It's a very neat part of

> Reedmoved fast when Mr Shah offered it the papers less than two weeks ago. Last week, accountants and lawyers went in, and the deal was signed at the weekend.

Reed had been the underbidder to Mr Shah when he bought the Warrington Guardian three years ago, said Mr buying them on less than 10 Davis. Reed now has 140 local newspapers and has made 21 purchases since April 1.

Chancellor to improve appeal of personal equity plans

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Mr James Baker, which pro-posed to ease the debt burden

by a combination of new

loans, write-offs and eco-

PEP changes in 'Budget for savings'

Changes to improve the appeal of personal equity plans (PEPs), the ailing initiative by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, to boost shareholding by the small investor, are now virtually certain in the Budget next March in the Budget next March.

The Chancellor may even use the existing framework of PEPs as a means of offering tax relief on all savings up to a set limit, in what is widely expected to be a "Budget for savings." Industry specialists have warned that

the changes will need to be radical, if PEPs are to survive as a means of encouraging investment in UK equities. The Chancellor gave a broad hint about improvements to PEPs, before last week's Epping Forest by-election. Treasury officials confirmed that this was the

Chancellor's most forthright statement yet on the likelihood of PEP changes. PEPs were launched in the March 1986 Budget, and the first plans went on sale in January 1987. The scheme, which

offered tax-free returns on investment in shares and unit trusts of up to £2,400 a year, was a success in its first year, with more than 250,000 plans sold.

This year sales have slumped, however, under the impact of the October 1987 equity market crash, the complexity of the PEP rules, and a growing realization that the tax savings under the scheme were less attractive than they first appeared.

Some plan managers are experiencing last-minute demand in the run-up to the end of the year, but the total plans sold may be only 60,000 to 70,000, a quarter of last year's level. This is despite an increase to £3,000, announced in the Budget last March, in the amount of annual investment allowed under the plan.

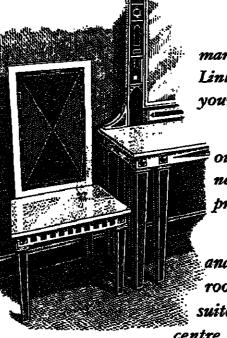
The Treasury has been receiving advice on improving PEPs from the incustry throughout the autumn. The most popular idea is that tax relief should be available as money is put into the plan. "The optimum at the end of the day is to get some tax relief up front," said Mr John Glanville, business development manager at Lloyds Bank's PEP arm. "It's got to be something more than tinkering this time round."

Lloyds is the market-leader in PEPs. probably accounting for 40 per cent of the plans sold this year. It intends to persist with PEPs, even under the current framework.

But Barclays has deferred its decision of whether to offer a 1989 plan until after the Budget. Mr Gavin Oldham, the chief executive of Barclayshare, said: "Our preference is for bringing the tax encouragement into a normal investment portfolio by, for example, allowing people to receive up to £500 a year in dividends tax free."

Under this type of change, the original idea of PEPs, as neat, compartmentalized tranches of equity and unit trust saving would be changed into a more general scheme of offering tax relief on the returns from equity investment. In combination with the existing exemp-tion limits from capital gains tax, it could mean that most small investors would avoid paying tax on equity investment.

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Last chance for T-Line to hit the Vernons jackpot

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The stock market is flashing some clear warnings to shareholders in both Thomson T-Line and Suter since Mr Cyril Stein's Ladbroke Group stepped into the agreed merger between the two.

At Friday's closing price of 91p for T-Line, the complicated package of cash, shares and convertible preference stock on offer valued headed by Mr David Abell, at more than 300p a share. Yet Suter shares closed at 196p. That kind of gap looks like a possible pitfall rather than an opportunity to make money. Suter's price is saying that the T-Line deal is dead.

T-Line's price on the other hand is much more hopeful. With 11p of daylight between it and Ladbroke's cash offer. a counter-bid is clearly being taken seriously.

The signals from the market are timely, too. For T-Line holders have a decision to make on Wednesday, while investors in Suter may want to make an early exit before the

Though it was to be an arranged marriage, the marketnever warmed to the idea of a Suter/T-Line link. Long before Ladbroke's intervention it was clear that all was not going well with the planned

Thomson T-Line, a miscellaneous collection of businesses including the Vernons pools interests, suffered asteady fall in its share price almost from the moment the banns were called. From comfortably above the £1 mark when the Vernous deal was announced in February. the shares slipped to just over half that when Ladbroke

pounced. Doubts began to emerge over the ability of T-Line's new management team, Mr Hugo Biermann and Mr Julian Askin, to reduce the heavy debt burden involved in the merger and use their paper for expansion. That approach is tougher in these

Against this background, T-



David Abeli: gap between offer valuation and share price that looks like a possible pitfali

Line shareholders must decide lion for the year ended a decent burial. If they were inclined to soldier on, Lad-Line shares would surely relapse. A thumbs down to Suter, however, leaves the for T-Line's jewel, Vernons.

Suter's price is largely discounting rejection by T-Line, but not entirely. At 196p it is not obviously cheap without a bid, standing on a 1988 p/e multiple of almost 9 times. There are far more attractive stocks on ratings a good deal lower.

M&G Group

Even M&G Group's critics would be hard pressed to knock its 1988 results after 12 months in the stock market which virtually every fund manager would want to forget. Pre-tax profits of £23 mil-

on Wednesday to approve the September, against the record purchase of Suter or to give it £23.3 million of a year earlier was no mean achievement,

Even though the general broke would walk away. T- investment community was expected to have shunned the market after October 1987, second-best ever units sales of prospect of a developing battle £385 million were achieved, and against the trend management fees on invested funds rose by 9.6 per cent.

Though stock market activity remains the overall key to where M&G goes, some respectable progress, even if markets remain dull, looks certain. However, it will be a very competitive year due to formidable new competition. In the period ended Septem-

ber, all M&G's unit trusts performed better than the FT All-Share Index (which fell by 21.7 per cent), which should prove an alluring sales point. The life assurance arm contributed £4 million against £3.15 million, despite the

By Martin Waller

Mr George Walker, chairman

of the Brent Walker leisure

combine, has flatly denied

weekend reports that his chain

of 12 casinos around the

country, including the Crockford's Club in Curzon

He has also angrily denied

suggestions that a sale had

been forced on him by the

Gaming Board and that the Board might otherwise oppose

renewal of Brent Walker's

But Mr Walker says he does

plan to sell the four chateau-

produced Bordeaux wines.

including Smith Haut Lafitte

and Rausan Segla, and their

distribution network, ac-

quired with the Lonrho drinks

business at the end of last

Mr Walker's original inten-

tion was to buy Rausan Segla

privately from Brent Walker

market, with a £90 million

Mr Walker is claiming the

renewal of speculation about

problems in his casinos di-

vision is connected with the

recent about-turn in his

group's strategy with the Lourho deal and the purchase

of the Tolly Cobbold and

Cameron breweries. The deals

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strain of new business costs. While another advance is

expected this year, there is a cloud on the horizon. The Chancellor has indicated that he considers the life assurance industry pays too little tax. The question of whether M&G can resume its rate of

profits progress can better be addressed when the interim report is to hand. But one early suggestion for the 1989 financial year as a whole is that pre-tax profits could well reach the £25.5 million mark.

At 268p on a prospective rating of 12 and backed by a 4.2 per cent yield, M&G shares are a solid hold in generally uncertain markets.

Bejam

For Malcolm Walker, the chairman of Iceland Frozen Foods, the bid for Bejam has been an uphill struggle. To little for Bejam's already dis-gain control, he will need to appointing earnings and share win the backing of more than price performance.

shareholders - which own about haif the Bejam shares and possibly 50 per cent of the private investors

The main obstacle is John Apthorp, chairman and founder of Bejam, who speaks for 30 per cent of the com-pany. He has already decided

not to sell. Wednesday brings another closing date, when the cash alternative offer will expire. But Mr Walker may still be in with a chance. On Friday, Bejam's share price soared from 153p to 165p amid rumours that Iceland has won over at least two major

Bejam shareholders may be justified in grinding their teeth at the offer, because they had hoped that all those years of loyalty would be amply re-

warded at some stage.
As it is, Iceland's offer is the only one on the table and best taken in the circumstances. Bejam is not the kind of stock for which bidders are queueing at present.

In the past Bejam's share price held up mainly on bid prospects. This year it saw earnings per share grow by only 6 per cent, and it has long suffered from a reputation of being an outmoded retailer. If Iceland loses, it is estimated Bejam shares are likely to fall from 165p to 140p and pos-

Iceland's share price, currently at 313p, is also expected to fall as a result of the new shares to be issued, so that the partial cash alternative appears the better offer. This represents a value of at least 177p for each Bejam share. The irony is that even if

Iceland loses, it could still emerge as a threat for Bejam. There is little geographical overlap between "Northern" Iceland and "Southern" Bejam, but Mr Walker has already indicated that he would confront Bejam on its home ground. And experts estimate that the added element of competition will do

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Fears of overkill while waiting for the bull run

uring the course of models based on long run 1988 monetary policy trends and so far has had little has turned full circle. Early in the year, expectations of a sharp slowdown in growth following the autumn crash in 1987 together with an attempt to cap sterling's rise led to successive cuts in rates to 7.5 per cent.

Evidence of continuing strong growth has led to these being more than reversed. Both these movements, we suggest, have been excessive, have not taken account of the lags in the system and have exacerbated the underlying economic cycle. Government policy has once again reinforced rather than countered the cycle.

The spreading of growth and house price inflation to regions outside the South-east are both evidence of maturity in the economic cycle. They are also consistent in timing with the warnings of a slowdown given by the crash. Growth, in other words, was likely to have slowed naturally in 1989, if this year's interest rate gyrations had been avoided. There is now a serious prospect of overkill. If higher rates are maintained, the continuous growth since 1981 will be in

The full impact of higher interest rates is still to be felt by the household sector. After the recent rise, interest payments as a proportion of disposable income will be 30 per cent higher in early 1989 than during most of this year and far higher than 1985 when rates were last at these levels. Compared with 1980, when

base rates went to 17 per cent, the burden of interest payments will have roughly donbled. While there has been a long-term upward trend in the debt-income ratio, the cost of servicing that debt was little changed between 1985 and 1988, a period of strong growth in consumer spending. The large increase in household borrowing was offset by a declining trend in interest

The dramatic increase in the responsiveness of consumers to changes in interest rates will not be picked up by economic impact on policy.

Interest rates have risen from 7.5 per cent to 13 per cent before any real economy variable could have realistically been expected to respond. Due to lags in the system, recent strong growth is probably related to cuts in rates earlier in

As a result, the current tightening of monetary policy may be closer in severity to that of 1980/81 than that of 1985. In 1980/81, tight monetary policy in conjunction with tight fiscal policy produced a hard landing. In 1985 the landing was much softer and interest rates were allowed to come down quickly. Oil price falls also allowed the Chancellor to engineer a devaluation in sterling in 1986 without serious consequences for inf-

The real economy shows little sign of responding to higher interest rates so far but the evidence from the housing market and the money supply is growing. The effect of the tening on the housing market has received much media attention and rightly so as it is central and very useful eading indicator.

The recessions of 1973/74 and 1980/81 were both preceded by sharp falls in real house prices (of more than 10 per cent year on year).

contrast, the softer By contrast, the softer landing in 1985 involved no real fall in house prices. If we really are at the end of the long growth upswing, then one would ex-pect a fall in both real house prices and in housing market turnover. We have already seen the sharp drop in turn-over. Falls in real house prices will depend on whether unemployment starts to pick up.

After the distortions created by the postal dispute, MO growth appears to be slowing sharply. Furthermore, a slowdown in loan demand should bring a marked deceleration in broad money growth. The personal sector has responded extremely rapidly to higher interest rates, probably re-flecting its high gearing.

1980s resulted in stagilation the unpalatable combination of high inflation and high unemployment. While there may be distinct risks on unemployment this time around. there is room for optimism on the inflation profile. Core inflation may rise to between 5.5 per cent and 6 per cent by mid-1989 but thereafter it will be firmly on Mr Lawson's downward track. By the first quarter of 1990 headline inflation should be below 4 per

ven though we share the

markets' concern about forthcoming pay negotiations, fears about unit labour costs may be exaggerated. Productivity growth may be better than many think as new capacity comes on stream and if employers choose to shed labour in an effort to control costs. In addition, a strong exchange rate will hold down import prices and encourage employers to hold down wage settlements. Unlike 1972-73 and 1979-80 we do not anticipate a commodity price explosion. Finally, the indirect impact of slower house price inflation in holding down the housing component of the RPI apart from mortgage rates has been little mentioned.

There is little doubt in our minds that on domestic grounds, gilts are building up steam for a strong bull run.

The risks, which relate purely to timing, are twofold. The first lies largely overseas. While Britain was the first to tighten aggressively, further interest rate rises overseas are quite likely. The second is that the authorities may be prevented from adopting an easier monetary stance on domestic grounds by weakness in sterling as a result of the current account deficit.

In either of these cases the subsequent bull run when it comes would be that much

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Mergers control will be a severe test for Brittan

From Michael Dynes, Brussels

One of the most taxing tasks where the company being facing Mr Leon Brittan when taken over has an annual he takes over as Europe's turnover of less than £33 commissioner for competition policy in the new year will be more of the merged comto resolve the deep-rooted antagonism between the European Commission and the United Kingdom over Brussels' demand for increased powers to regulate cross frontier mergers.

In what could prove a continues to insist that, in the severe test of Mr Brittan's words of Mr Francis Maude, skills as a tightrope walker, the commissioner will be required to present a vigorous case on behalf of the Commission for the new powers, without rendering himself liable to the charge of "going native".

Mr Brittan inberits this unenviable task from his predecessor, Mr Peter Sutherland, who is responsible for elevating the job from the obscure backwoods of European politics to the top of the Community's agenda.

the Commission already wields an impressive range of powers designed to regulate competition within the receiving confirmation that Community based on Article s5, which prohibits all congiven to the United Kingdom, spiracies to fix prices, limit production and divide up the market, and Article 86 which prohibits abuse of dominant

But while the former can be exercised before the event, as in the attempt by the GC&C Brands consortium to take over Irish Distillers earlier this year, the latter can only be exercised after a merger or acquisition has taken place (unless it creates a dominant position likely to be abused).

In an attempt to resolve this shortcoming, Mr Sutherland of "going native" as "first revived the 1973 draft direc-tive for a comprehensive insisted that "what is immerger control policy. He portant are policies that will insisted that increased powers over mergers were vital.

In its present form the directive calls on member states to grant the Commission powers to vet in its European partners, Mr advance all mergers where the Brittan may yet find himself combined turnover involved having to decide between the exceeds £690 million, except two.

million or where 75 per cent or panies were in a single mem-

Eleven member states have now given their approval to the need, in principle only, for a comprehensive merger control regulation. But Britain the Under Secretary of State for Trade: "We are not prepared to say yes to the principle before we know the final form of the proposal."

The United Kingdom clearly faces a dilemma over merger policy. The Govern-ment does not want to be accused of allowing Brussels to encroach even further into the realm of national sovereignty, but the British business community is already leaning towards an endorse-Under the Treaty of Rome, ment of the "one stop shop".

But Mr Brittan is confident he will be able to resolve this tantalizing dilemma. After he expressed his conviction that "if a form of words is agreed that is generally acceptable, the British Government will be able to agree to the regulation".

Whether a "form of words" will be enough to limit the political consequences of a further loss of sovereignty remains to be seen. Many observers in Brussels are optimistic that Mr Brittan will not turn out to be Mrs Europe. Dismissing the notion be good for Europe and good

for Britain." This is all good sound stuff. But in the event of a conflict of interests between Britain and

Brent Walker casinos 'not for sale'



Plans to sell four chateau-produced wines at £90 million: George Walker, chairman

for £25 million, but this was December 28. Mr Walker claims the In an abrupt change of heart speculation is part of a longall four chateaux-produced running "knocking" campaign wines will now be put on the

directed at his group. "It's always done at a sensitive time. This is a confidence-knocker in Brent Walker, at a time when I'm putting together one of the biggest deals in my life.

There is no action by the Gaming Board against Brent Walker." The report suggested nine of

extraordinary meeting on for sale for at least £125

million. Mr Walker said he ha received various approaches, for substantially less than this figure, from four different parties, including Stakis, the private Liverpool-based Hamblin group and the re-cently-enlarged Mecca Leisure

Group. "They have all offered me money, and I've turned them all down. "I'm not selling my casinos."

He would not be prepared

go before shareholders at an the group's casinos could be to accept £125 million for

them, the amount he originally paid for the chain from Lourho in June 1987, although he conceded a "reasonable" offer for substantially more than this would have to be put to the Brent Walker board.

An offer for just one of the casinos, the International Sporting Centre in Park Lane, central London, for £70 million, has already been rejected.

One report suggested that the Gaming Board had been in contact with three senior exec-

casinos division in recent One was named as Mr Lec Fackler, the division's manag-

The suggestion was hotly denied by Mr Walker, who claimed it was designed to

"create feelings of mistrust and tension in the City." Mr Fackler had only been in this country for four days over the last month, he added. Mr Walker denied there was

any official Gaming Board inquiry, but said the Gaming Board as part of its normal business did occasionally talk to individual employees of all the companies involved in earnbline

He admitted that one employee of the casinos division might have been called before the Gaming Board in recent weeks for a minor breach of the rules, but said this was "normal procedure" in the industry. There are 2,000 employees

in the casinos division. "We can't be responsible for every one."

The two drinks deals will leave Brent Walker with £900 million of debts and a desperate need to reduce these. Also currently on offer, at an asking price of £35 million, is its 29 per cent stake in Local London Group, a property developer quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, after takeover talks foundered.

Sales of dairy desserts to soar

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Dairy desserts, a fast-growing sector dominated by yoghurts, is likely to double the £280 million worth of products sold last year by 1993, according to a new survey of the overall dairy market.

It is the first time a report on the desserts sector has been made by Dairy Crest, the Milk Marketing Board subsidiary, in its annual review.

Desserts are now so popular that almost as much money is being spent on them as on butter and rather more than on margarines. Yoghurt sells four times better than any other dessert product. The cheese sector is more substantial, having risen to £821 million in value in the 12 months to last June.

Volume cheese sales have remained stable over 12 months while those of all yellow fats, including butters and margarines, marginally declined by 0.5 per cent. Yellow fat volume sales are expected to drop another 1 per cent in 1989.

Consumers are increasingly turning from high cholesterol butter and margarine to low fat spreads and polyunsatured margarine. Polyunsaturated margarine's volume share rose 7 per cent in the last 12 months to nearly 23 per cent of the yellow fats market. Low fat and dairy spreads stand at 17 per cent market share. Butter's volume share slid 10 per cent but still accounts for 41 per cent of the yellow fats market.

The cheese sector is forecasting price rises of be-tween 8 and 10 per cent next year as the effects of the EEC milk quota reductions continue to bite.

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Stop-gap measures against takeovers being set up ahead of federal action US states ready to swallow poison pills

From Bailey Morris, Washington

A growing number of US state legislatures are considering adopting paison pill" tactics to prevent foreign and domestic companies from executing hostile takeovers of local

firms which are largely unprotected under federal law. State governments, urged by the powerful Business Council, are designing their own programmes to arm US corporations with defences against unwanted takeovers while they await action at federal level in

Congress. Only five states have actually passed laws supporting the pro-grammes but up to another 15 are considering similar legislation or alternative measures, according to the findings of the US House Ways and

Means Committee The controversial poison pills - rights plans which allow shareholders to be treated differently in takeover situations - have played a central role in such takeover battles as Grand Metropolitan's bid for Pillsbury. Pillsbury's poison pill defence -successfully challanged in court by

over, even after it had been tendered more than 88 per cent of the outstanding shares. "The pill is doing what it was designed to do," said Mr Stephen Rothschild, a Pillsbury lawyer who

urged the court to uphold the legality of the programme. It is unclear, however, what GrandMet's successful challenge will do to the plans of state governments.

The New York State legislature apparently agreed with the arguments of Mr Rothschild and leading US business officials that the many and varied poison pill programmes were the best defence against unwanted

It passed legislation that would allow New York-chartered corporations to issue shareholders rights plans, but the move was only a stopgap measure, giving the state more time to study the effects of the pills, which are opposed by the US investment industry, whose officials say the device is used to protect the interests of entrenched, outdated management not, as supporters argue, to protect the company and its shareholders. A popular provision is one that

allows shareholders to buy more shares at a steep discount as the takeover deadline nears. This increases the number of shares outstanding and results in a prohibitive cost which usually prevents the takeover. At one point in the GrandMet-

Pillsbury battle, Mr Steven Gold, a

GrandMet lawyer, estimated that the poison pill could add as much as \$! billion (£551 million) to the total cost if it was not stopped. In many cases, the defence programmes are carefully structured to result in big rewards for top manage-ments which own a large percentage of

But supporters noted that poison pills are actually bargaining weapons which are only to be executed as a last resort. They are designed to buy time for the takeover target and increase the price to shareholders.

The stopgap New York measure will be studied closely by other state governments which have expressed strong concern over legislation that would restrict takeovers which could he helpful to the US economy. In an attempt to balance the effects

of the legislation, state officials said they wrote a bill that would take into account the rights of shareholders and the long-term health of companies. The bill requires, among other things, that company boards consider

the "prospects for potential growth, development, productivity, and profitability of the corporation" when reviewing takeover offers. New York's legislation was prompt-

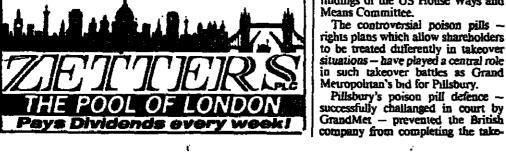
ed largely by a bitter, costly domestic struggle between Irving Bank and the Bank of New York. But other states have been troubled by the record wave of foreign takeovers of US companies in recent years. Congress has also become alarmed by the takeover boom and the debt assumed by US companies. It has promised to launch an investigation after January's inauguration of President-elect Mr George Bush

Fears that a recession in 1989 will cause a wave of bankruptcies among heavily-indebted companies has prompted Congress to study reforms. But the states, urged by powerful US business interests, may move even faster to erect barriers to hostile

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City seeks some Spanish sun to brighten outlook at Acatos

Acatos & Hutcheson, the cooking oil producer, shed a tenth of its value in two days in May when it reported only a 10 per cent rise in interim pretax profits to £6.89 million. against a forecast increase of at least 20 per cent.

Dealers are, therefore, cautious about today's annual results which are not expected to be good. Analysis' pre-tax prolit forecasts range between £11 million and £12 million compared with £12.2 million

Adverse currency factors have hit margins in edible oils. while the situation has not been helped by the increase in British refining capacity. However, dealers will be

hoping to draw some comfort from the bullish statement, which is expected to accompany the figures, concerning Acatos's push into Europe. particularly Spain.

Last month, the group re-vealed that it is establishing a joint venture in Spain, with Elosua, one of Spain's largest food groups. to develop a range of edible oils and fats. Interims: Acatos & Hutcheson, Bimec Industries, Broadwell Land, Electric & General Investment Co, Explaura Holdings, Fitch Lovell, F&C Smaller Companies (expected on December 20), GF Lovell, Randfontein Estates Gold Mining Co Witwatersrand, Tamaris, Tops Estates, TR



Robertson: group likely to return to profit

Trustees Corporation, Vic-toria Carpet Holdings, Waterglade International Holdings. Finals: Craton Lodge & Knight Group (amended).

TOMORROW Shares of Borthwicks, the food manufacturer and trader chaired by Mr Lewis Robertson, were flavour of the month in October when Polly Peck International, the agriculture-to-textiles group headed by Mr Asil Nadir, acquired a near 5 per cent stake. The City braced itself for a full-scale takeover - but has been

The shares have drifted down from about 70p to 45p

waiting ever since.



Montague: bullish statement is expected

acquisition of Rentco International, a recent manage-ment buyout from Fruehauf, the US manufacturing group. and although no figures from Rentco will be included, a bullish statement on the merger is expected by the

and so shareholders are, no Mr Mark McVicar, an andoubt, hoping for a good set of alyst at County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, is annual results to help promote a recovery. Kitcat & Aitken, the broker, has pencilled in going for interim pre-tax profits of £4 million compared pre-tax profits of £800,000 with last year's £3 million. He compared with last year's loss believes that the message will be that Tiphook's container

Tiphook, where Mr Robert Montague is chairman, thrust proved in the first six months itself to pole position in the of the year. They dropped 22 European trailer rental inper cent to £360,000 last year after the loss of a Swedish subdustry via the £70.7 million

Arlen, the electrical and electronic manufacturing group, which is a former glamour stock, is expected to report

mont (UK). Toshiba.

rental business has had a good first half.

He said: "Tiphook paid a big multiple for Rentco, but

the merger looks to have gone smoothly."

Interims: Braithwaite Group, Philip Harris Holdings, Sut-

cliffe Speakman, Tiphook. Finals: Borthwicks, Clare-

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interim pre-tax profits little changed on last year's total of £754,000. Shareholders will be hoping to hear that profits at its Columbia subsidiaries, the manufacturers and designers of heat dissipaters, have im-

contract job worth £250,000 in turnover. Interims: Arlen, Batleys, Northumbrian Fine Foods. Finals: Bankers' Investment Trust. Electronic Data Processing, Isle of Man Enterprise

THURSDAY Interims: Firstland Oil & Gas. Finals: Kelsey Industries. FRIDAY

Interims: None announced. Finals: None announced. **Geoffrey Foster**

Berry denies difficulties

with County

Mr Tony Berry, the Blue Arrow chairman, has denied reports of difficulties with his biggest shareholder, County NatWest with 9.4 per cent, following the abrupt departure of Mr Mitchell Fromstein, the former president of its Manpower subsidiary.

There have been suggestions that County has demanded a report on the group's current performance. But a spokesman for Mr Berry said he had explained the situation to Mr Terry Green. a County director.

County picked up its stake at 166p a share at the time of Blue Arrow's £837 million rights issue

ECONOMIC VIEW

Spotlight on Lawson's fiscal balancing act

iscal policy, according to Nigel Lawson, should be designed primarily with an eye to the longer term structure and efficiency of the economy. The fiscal balance has to be consistent with the medium term financial strategy, which if the economy is overheating may mean planning for a large budget surplus. But changes in taxation should be aimed mainly at unleashing people's natural energies and ensuring fairness between one taxpayer and another.

Fiscal success or failure on these terms is more difficult to assess but more important in the longer term than the short term effect on demand. As the Treasury and the Revenue departments struggle to prepare their preliminary budget briefing for ministers it is worth glancing back at the last Budget to see how far it may be starting to yield the supply side benefits which inspired its component parts.

Of the smaller and more narrowly targeted measures, the star of the show is the extension of the Business Expansion Scheme to cover property for rent under the assured tenancy scheme. About £100 million has been raised compared with the Government's original estimate of £125 million for the financial year as a whole.

According to the Financial Secretary Norman Lamont, "these assured tenancy companies are the type of small-tomedium company engaged in a risky activity which Sir Geoffrey Howe had in mind with the start of the BES in 1983." Practitioners in the area are more inclined to ascribe their popularity to the fact that they are asset-backed and therefore less risky than the normal run of BES. However, there is no doubt that as a way of stimulating investment in accommodation for rent the tax relief has been a considerable success.

hough running counter to the general preference for tax neutrality between different types of investment, this should generate economic benefits of its own by making it easier for people to move between different areas of the country.

The effect of removing tax relief on home improvement loans is more difficult to assess. The period of three weeks' grace after the Budget before the new rules came into effect produced a surge of borrowing. But since then building societies have continued to lend more on home improvements than before. In October, lending other than for house

purchase was almost double the £664 million level of a year earlier.

This may reflect the buoyancy of consumer confidence and the fact that as more people have been buying houses, more have been doing them up. Given the £30,000 limit on relief, borrowers able to take advantage of tax relief on improvement loans have been mainly confined to the North and Midlands. In view of the priority which consumers appear to attach to spending on their homes, irrespective of tax relief, the subsidy from the taxpayer was particularly inappropriate.

Spending has also held up strongly on company cars where the Chancellor took a severe bite out of the tax advantages, though without ending them altogether. As Roger White of Peat Marwick said: "There has been no behavioural change at all: it's just that it hurts more."

There are attractions in having a company car which are not assessed for tax purposes. Many value the convenience, some the snob value.

survey by Hertz found that twothirds of those with a company car would prefer to keep it even if the tax advantages disappeared. Although people's behaviour may have been distorted less than supposed by this particular tax perk the case for continuing to subsidize it from general tax revenues is now non-existent.

Spending on forestry assets has reacted to the Budget more clearly. This had reached the stage of being generated almost entirely by the substantial tax advantages attached which the Chancellor effectively removed. It will take time before the change is visible in as slow-moving a business as forestry, but the impression is that the firms which service the forestry business are not exactly having a ball.

Finally, bringing capital gains tax into line with marginal rates of income tax has had a marked effect on investors' preferences as between capital and income-producing assets. Re-basing CGT to March 1982 had the intended effect of unfreezing assets bearing a relatively large tax liability, but reinvestment has as often been in high yielding bank accounts as in the equity market. The rise in rates and the stock market crash have contributed to this process. But it is interesting to consider - so long as you are not a market-maker - what the long term effect on equities may be.

> Rodney Lord **Economics Editor**

Bookseller to defy publishers' price rule

By Rosemary Unsworth Retail Affairs Correspondent

A West Country bookseller this week plans to sell books with as much as a 20 per cent price reduction after a decision last week by the European Commission that publishers should stop fixing minimum prices for books exported from Britain.

The Commission said the Net Book Agreement, which ensures that books are sold at the publishers' price in Britain and Ireland, was incompatible with EEC rules because it restricted competition between member states. The ruling could mean cheaper books in Ireland but, since books can be bought there and imported back, prices could fall in Britain, too.

two Classic bookshops in Bristol and Bath, will cut prices of selected hiographies and hardcover fiction, including Oscar and Lucinda by Peter Carey, the Booker Prize winner, and the first volume of the biography of George Bernard Shaw by Michael Holroyd.

Mr Fraser said:"The Net Book Agreement offers no real advantage to the public interest and tends only to insulate the industry from market forces and public opinion. Far from damaging the book trade, a release from these restrictions would bring new vigour to the industry."

He expected publishers would try to win injunctions to prevent him from selling at less than their stipulated price.

Skill shortages pose threat to information technology

REPORTING

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

A shortage of skilled man- despite the team's discovery communications industry and power is threatening informathan that in manufacturing into in the past two years, worker tion technology, Britain's dustry a "high proportion" of numbers have grown 35 per fastest growing industry now companies are still not using cent and then 16 per cent. The worth £9 billion a year. The warning comes in a new

Confederation of British Industry report which shows the IT industry is expanding so fast that it cannot train people quickly enough.
It includes estimates for

average increases in demand for IT professional staff of 7 per cent a year for at least the next five years. Demand will continue to exceed supply, the report claims. Mr Brian Oakley, the chair-

man of Logica Research who led the report team, said: "This could leave Britain dangerously exposed, compared with its international trading rivals." The shortages are worsening



Oakley: exposure warning

companies are still not using cent and then 16 per cent. The IT to improve such activities report believes this points to an "escalating demand." Recommendations are put About 8,000 people are forward to improve the flow of

trained personnel, including: Companies improving manpower planning, cooperating with educational bodies and encouraging more Universities and polytech-

nics accepting more entrants whose mathematics are not strong and giving remedial maths teaching.

Government funding for

training and promotion. Changes in IT Skills - the impact of technology, from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London,

Reagan to top deficit target

internal discipline and has gone out of control."

dent Reagan, blaming Con- January 9, would more than creased revenues without any gress for spending more than meet targets set by the the government earns, said he Gramm-Rudman-Hollings would submit a budget next month that would cut the deficit by more than the \$35 billion (£19.3 billion) man-

dated by law.

"The only way to reduce the deficit is by limiting the increase in spending and that's what my last budget will do," he said, adding that after leaving office on January 20, he would campaign to change a budget system that lacked domestic programmes, will internal discipling and has take place in mid-October. domestic programmes, will take place in mid-October Mr Reagan said his budget,

Mr Reagan said his budget campaign for these reforms."

Mr Reagan said: "The budget system simply has no control and no internal disci-

He said the president should be given authority to refuse to spend congres-sionally-appropriated funds when he deemed them unneeded.

'We need a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution so the federal government does not spend more than it takes in," he said. "After I leave office next month, I will

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MG men flock to County

The battle between County NatWest, BZW and Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, to attract the best of those market-makers laid off by Morgan Grenfell has been won hands down by County. Seven of the most respected and senior ex-Morgan staff accepted job offers at the weekend from County, including the erstwhile head of market-making. Steve Davies, Davies, a former partner with Pinchin Denny, the jobbing firm bought by Morgan, will be working alongside County's existing market-making boss, Colin Mills, "Colin and Steve used to work together at Pinchin and were very keen to do so again," says Chris Cartwright, managing director responsible for trading risk at County. We regard these appointments as big news. It means we can strengthen our market-making team which is something we have wanted to do for some time. And we are delighted that they have chosen to work for us - it shows that they believe that we are committed to the market." Also joining are Jeremy Lyon, David Butler, who ran the engineering pitch, Mike Rogers. Steve Morgan, David Kininmonth and Simon Moorhouse. One or two others might yet follow suit. But despite these recruits, County's team of 100 or so marketmakers is slightly smaller than a year ago. "We have been continually upgrading our



New cue for a queue

market for its status symbol cars, BMW's West German headquarters has just revealed that it is about to open its first sales and service centre in Moscow. The company said its existing customers there num-

Is BMW convinced that the bered a few handred, mostly straight into its suitor's hands. demise of the City yuppie is foreign diplomats, journalists For a recent recruit to Norton nigh? Clearly seeking a new and representatives of West-Rose, the City law firm advissubstantially over the next few years. "In the long term there is noteworthy potential in the cars," a spokesman said.

Doubling up

Our beleaguered Chancellor may be hoping that Mrs Thatcher has not been reading the international news with her usual thoroughness. Following the resignation of Japan's finance minister, Kiichi Miyazawa, Noboru Takeshita, the prime minister is. I hear, temporarily adding



"If they delay the trial much personnel and this is part of that process," says Cartwright.

the job to his existing responsibilities. A good way to avoid any more rows between Numbers 10 and 11 Downing Street, perhaps?

Sail order

this month that the Army was trying to attract some of the the City's fallout. I see that the senior service has decided to bid. "But even if I am now a follow suit. It has just placed a newspaper advertisement which portrays an extremely substantial-looking warship beneath which is the headline: Trade in your Porsche for something a little bigger."

Chase away

Popular gilt trader Paul Lucas has, I hear, resigned from Chase Manhattan Securities. While confirming that Lucas has indeed departed - of his own free will - Chase nevertheless refuses to disclose where he has gone. "We never discuss our personnel." a spokesman tells me. No won-

Master chef Plessey, whose trump card in

its defence of the unwelcome £1.7 billion bid from GEC and

Siemens seems to be its com-

plaint to the European Commission, may have played ern firms, but it expects its ing Siemens, is one Johnclient base to increase Cook Cook aged 36 and a barrister, spent five years working for the Department of Trade and Industry - before Soviet Union for higher-priced he left to join Norton Rose in October - and while there was head of its Solicitors Branch. which dealt with European issues. Before that he worked for the OFT, as Adviser to the Director General on UK mergers and monopolies. restrictive trade practices and competition. He even represented the OFT on the EC After we reported earlier Advisory Committee of his month that the Army was rying to attract some of the tainly been a baptism of fire," says Cook about the Plessey gamekeeper turned poacher, the analysis is the same. And having once been a gamekeeper it helps you spot the weaknesses in both the opponents' case and your own." And to think we complained

about the Financial Services Act. The US Department of Energy has just sent 17,000 supporters and critics copies of a 23-volume report which weighs more than 20 pounds. and describes the anticipated effect on the environment of its projected S5 billion (£2.76 billion) atom smasher. The postage bill has already cost

the US taxpayer \$2 million. Carol Leonard

USM REVIEW

Tranwood bucks trend as poor trade figures take their toll on prices

By Carol Leonard

In a repeat of events during the stock market crash, the mark-down which greeted last month's unexpectedly bad trade figures had a more drastic effect on the Unlisted Securities Market than it did on its bigger brother.
The USM team at Deloitte Haskins &

Sells, the accountant, which discovered this when it assessed its USM ratings for the past month - now back to their lowest level since they began - says it is troubled by it.

"At face value it would appear sensible to downgrade small companies in the face of higher interest rates and possible recession — the logic being that small is vulnerable. However, what may be ignored is that small is also flexible giving USM companies the agility to dodge adverse conditions, an attribute that more mature businesses do not often possess," says Deloitte.

There are exceptions to the downward trend. Tranwood, the financial services group, entered the ratings for the first time this month since its July float. Its shares have risen from 24p in October to 33.5p. enough to secure a leap from 29th to 4th position. Elsewhere, positions were little changed with Crown Communications, Heritage and HT Hughes retaining the top three places.

but at lower prices.

Meanwhile, the festive season will be much on the minds of the directors of JMD Group - formerly John Michael Design - in the hope that the great British public will once again buy millions of pairs of slippers as Christmas presents. JMD, rescued by Mr Keith Moss, aged 40, will be especially anxious that some of those slippers are adorned with Spitting Image-style heads of the Prince and Princess of Wales or Nancy and Ronald Reagan.

For these humorous "Sleeping Partners", as they are being marketed, are one of the products of Linden Cards & Gifts, one of two companies bought by JMD last week for a total consideration of £10.7 million.

Linden, established in 1947 and engaged in the manufacture, distribution



Keith Moss: he went to JMD's rescue and selling of novelty greeting cards, gifts

and packaging, made pre-tax profits of £559,000 in the year to December 1987, with warranted profits of £900,000 for

The other company, Downpace, was set up in 1981, to distribute a range of licensed character merchandise including Garfield, Playboy and Pink Panther. It made profits of £300,000 in the nine months to December 1987 and its vendors have warranted profits of £625,000 for the current year.

News of the acquisitions accompanied the company's interim results for the six months to September 30, which showed that JMD had returned to profitability. It managed to make profits of £19,000, compared with a loss of £214,000 last

time. Earnings per share came to 0.1p against a loss of 0.5p last time.

It should bring to a close a chequered period at JMD, which at one time saw the shares suspended at 16p - they returned from suspension in August and was, in hindsight, put right when the company merged with Capital & Investment in August in a £2.1 million deal.

Mr Cecil Burney, the JMD chairman, said: "Since January 1986, Downpace has had an agreement with Linden for the latter to act as exclusive sales agent and consultant assisting in the marketing of Downpace goods. This agreement has proved highly successful and has emphasized the natural synergy between the two companies."

Parkdale alters payment

Parkdale Holdings, the property developer headed by Sir Peter Parker, the former head of British Rail, has revised downwards the maximum payment to be made for Clifford Barnett Group, the leisure developer bought in February.

The maximum payable under the earn-out will now be £5 million, against £15 million initially agreed. A spokeswoman for the company said the first figure was "over-optimistic," and the vendors had agreed to its reduction. The

earn-out period is being shortened from five to two years. Clifford Barnett has won contracts

worth £11 million with two councils, bringing to £40 million the value of work gained since its acquisition.

Parkdale has also announced the purchase of two properties. They are the Barnwell Mill at Oundle, near Peterborough, for £875.000 cash and the White Hart Hotel at Coggeshall, Essex, for £1.2 million cash.

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Court of Appeal

Law Report December 19 1988

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Mother took child in breach of rights

Before Lord Donaldson Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss [Judgment December 14]

The removal of a child from the consent of his father, in breach of an order of the Australian court, was a breach of rights of custody within the meaning of article 3 of the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child

Upon suitable undertakings by the father there was no reason to prevent the return to could not then be said that by reason of a refusal by the mother to accompany the child to Australia he was under a grave

risk of psychological harm. The Court of Appeal so held the Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by the father against the dismissal by Mr Justice Latey of his application under the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985 for an order for the return of the child Article 3 of the Hague

Convention, as set out in Sched-ule 1 to the Child Custody and Abduction Act 1985, provides: of a child is to be considered wrongful where - (a) it is in breach of rights of custody attributed a person ... either jointly or alone, under the law of the state in which the child was

habitually resident immediately before the removal or include rights relating to the care of the person of the child and, in particular, the right to deter-mine the child's place of

Article 13 provides: "The judicial authority of the reopested state is not bound to order the return of the child if the person [who] opposes its return establishes that ... (b) there is a grave risk that his or her return would expose the child to . . . psychological harm or otherwise place the child in

an intolerable situation." Miss Anita Ryan, QC, and Miss Cherry Harding for the father, Mr Michael Connell, OC, and Mr E. James Hoiman

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that on November 4, 1986 the deputy registrar in Sydney had made a consent order including the words:

"I The wife have custody of the child of the marriage and the husband and wife to remain joint guardians 2 Neither the husband nor

the wife shall remove the child from Australia without the con-In August 1988 the mother had left for England with the

sent of the other." child without first informing the father and without his consent. On August 10 Mr Justice Ross-Jones in Australia had made orders for the return of the child and the transfer of custody to the father on his return to the Australian jurisdiction. Three questions arose. Was

the removal of the child wrong-ful? Was the retention of the child wrongful? If the answer to either of those questions was "Yes", did article 13 of the Convention apply to stop the return of the child.

In respect of the first question the judge had heard argument as to the effect of the order of November 1986. His attention did not appear to have been sufficiently drawn to the effect of the definition in article 5 of the Convention on clause 2 of the order.

Accordingly his attention had not been drawn specifically to the question whether under Australian law clause 2 was capable of constituting a right of custody within the Convention. The words of article 5 had to

be read into article 3 and might extend the concept of custody beyond the ordinarily under-stood domestic approach. The mother had the general right to determine the place of residence within Australia but a more limited right, subject to the father's consent outside the jurisdiction of the Australian

The father did not have the right to determine the child's place of residence within Australia but had the right to ensure that the child remained in Australia or lived anywhere outside it only with his outside it only

Duggan v Chief Adjudication

Before Lord Justice May, Lord

An adjudication officer

determining a claim for a social security benefit was under a

duty to act fairly and to obtain

the information necessary to enable him to deal fairly with

that claim, but was not obliged,

whenever a claim was made.

fully to investigate the financial

circumstances of the claimant's

Where an adjudication officer

had increased a husband's

supplementary benefit on the termination of his wife's mater-

nity allowance without inquir-

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wrfe had in fact then claimed unemployment benefit and the

fact to the adjudication officer.

the busband was hable, under section 20(1) of the Supple-

repay the additional supplementary benefit, on the basis that he had been in breach of his

usband had not disclosed that

Justice Croom-Johnson

Lord Justice Glidewell

[Judgment December 8]

Such limited rights and joint given to the court, rights were not unknown to The mother argue English family law or to Austra-child returned with lian law. In article 3 rights of custody were specifically rec-ognized as held jointly or alone.

The Convention had to be interpreted so that within its scope it was to be effective. The child had been wrongfully removed from the jurisdiction in breach of clause 2 of the order of November 1986.

The difficult question of whether the retention of the child was wrongful did not

The judge had considered with great care the situation of the child were to return to Sydney. Matters had moved on from there and the court had evidence which had not been before the judge, the effect of which was considerably to ameliorate the rigours of the return of the child and his mother to Sydney.

The father's position was now that, in order to facilitate the return of the child, he would give certain undertakings to the court and to the Australian Family Court. They were crucial to the welfare of the child. They covered all the legitimate con-

cerns of the judge. Nonetheless if the mother said that for emotional reasons she could not go back, what was to be done? At the time of the hearing the mother had been found to have reasonable grounds for refusing to return. Those grounds had now been removed by the undertakings

Officer's duty to act fairly does

not include full investigation

continuing duty to disclose ma-

terial facts.
The Court of Appeal so held,

dismissing an appeal by Mr William Duggan from the social

security commissioner, who had allowed the Chief Adjudication

Officer's appeal from the Birkenhead and Wallasey Social Security Appeal Tribunal's de-

cision that the claimant was not

liable to repay because the overpayment had been caused

by the adjudication officer's

Mr John Howell for the

LORD JUSTICE MAY said

In this case he had been

entitled, if he thought it reason-

able, to assume that the mother

with a young child would nei-

ther be going back to work nor looking for work and would

therefore not be entitled to unemployment benefit; he bad

been under no duty to make

That assumption having turned out to be wrong, it could

be said that it was a cause of the overpayment, but it in no way

inquiries as to that.

that an adjudication officer had power to make any appropriate

claimant: Mr Duncan Ouseley for the Chief Adjudication

failure to inquire.

The mother argued that if the

child returned without her there was a grave risk of psychological harm to bim. But the risk of harm arose not from the return of the child but from his mother's refusal to accompany

> The Convention did not require the court to consider the welfare of the child as para-mount, but only to be satisfied as to the grave risk of harm. Her Lordship was not sat-isfied that the child would be

placed in an intolerable situation if the mother refused to go back. If the grave risk of psychological harm to a child was to be inflicted by the conduct of the parent who abducted him then it would be relied on by every mother of a young child who removed him out of the jurisdiction and refused to return.

it would drive a coach and four through the Convention at least in respect of applications relating to young children. That was not in the interests of

tional relations. On the facts before the court article 13 did not apply and the child should return to Australia with the undertakings of the father given to the Court of Appeal and through that court to the Australian Family Court.

Lord Justice Neill delivered concurring judgments. Solicitors: Batchelors; Charles

cause.

The appeal tribunal had been perverse in deciding that the

overpayment was not a con-sequence of the claimant's fail-

ure to disclose, as he was required to do by section 20(1)

of the 1976 Act. A consequence

could have two causes, and it was sufficient that one of them

was the claimant's non-

The initiative lay throughout

with the claimant. The adjudica-

tion officer was under a duty to act fairly and obtain informa-

tion relevant to the determ-

Any suggestion that whenever

claim was made there nec-

essarily arose an obligation eff-

ectively to investigate the full financial circumstances was to

be deprecated. His wide powers

to investigate did not give rise to

any duty outside the context of a

particular claim to make further

Lord Justice Croom-Johnson

delivered a concurring judg-ment and Lord Justice Glidewell agreed.

Solicitors: Bindman & Part-ners for Mr Nicholas J. Warren, Birkenhead; DHSS Solicitor.

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The Master of the Rolls and

Fiji still designated for extradition Regina v Governor of Brixton Prison, Ex parte Kaban

Before Lord Justice Mustill and Mr Justice McCowan [Judgment December 2]

Although Fiji was no longer a member of the Commonwealth, it was perfectly in order to detain an alleged offender with a view to extradition to Fiji under the Fugitive Offenders Act 1967 as Fiji was still a designated Commonwealth country within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Act.

the Act.
The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in refusing to grant a writ of habeas corpus to Mohammed Rafiq Kahan who was detained at Brixton Prison.
The 1967 Act opposides but The 1967 Act provides by section 1: "... a person found in the United Kingdom who is accused of a relevant offence in any other country being — (a) a
Commonwealth country designated for the purposes of this
section under subsection (1) of
section 2 of this Act... may be
arrested and returned to that
country as provided by this
Act."

Section 2 provides: "(1) Her Majesty may by Order in Coun-cil designate for the purposes of section 1 of this Act any country for the time being mentioned in [Schedule 3 to the British Na-tionality Act 1931] or the Order ionality Act 1981), or any other country within the Commonwealth; and any country so designated is in this Act referred to as a designated Commonwealth. wealth country."

Mr R. Alun Jones for the applicant; Mr Clive Nicholls, QC and Miss Clare Montgomery for the Government of Fiji; Mr Duncan Ouseley for the Home Secretary and the Governor of Brixton Prison.

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL said on September 26, 1988 the Home Secretary issued an au-thority to proceed against Mr Kahan, pursuant to section 5(1) of the 1967 Act, Mr Kahan, who was confined at Brixton Prison, corpus with a view to terminating the entire process.

Three contentions were advanced on his behalf. First, that since the country which had requested his extradition was the Republic of Fiji, which was no longer a member of the Commonwealth, the 1967

Act did not apply.
Second, the order which granted authority to proceed was irrational, since it was absurd for the secretary of state to apply the mechanisms of the Act so as to initiate an extracountry, since even if the words of the Act were wide enough to cover such a case, it was plain. that the legislation was never intended to operate outside the network of relationships which and nations together to form

the Commonwealth. Third, the offences with which Mr Kahan was charged in Fiji were so plainty of a political character that, in the light of section 4(1)(a) an order for his

His Lordship did not believe that the problem arising in the present case could have been foreseen by the framers of the Act. By the Fiji Independence inserted the word "Commonwealth" for a purpose, and the only purpose which there could be was to ensure that the country was still in the Act 1970 Fiji became a selfgoverning state and ceased to be a British colony, with effect from October 10, 1970, and Fiji was added to the list of

Commonwealth countries havcommonwealth countries having separate citizenship.
On the same day, the Fugitive
Offenders (Designated
Commonwealth Countries) (No 3) (SI 1970 No 1438) came into force. Paragraph 2 read: "Fiji is hereby designated for the pur-poses of the Fugitive Offenders Act 1967."

However, on October 16, 1986 the Commonwealth leaders published a statement which began as follows: "Commonwealth leaders acknowleade that, on the basis of established Commonwealth conventions, Fiji's membership of the Commonwealth lapsed with the

emergence of the Republic on 15 It was common ground from that date Fiji had not been a member of the Commonwealth. Nevertheless, her Majesty had not yet by Order in Council removed Fiji from the list in Schedule 3 to the British National Act 1981 and 1981. tionality Act 1981 or amended signation order of 1970.

The argument for the applicant was simple. The qualification for the right to request the return of a fugitive set out in section 1(a) began with the words "a Common-

be was to ensure that the country was still in the Commonwealth, as well as still being designated, at the time when the arrest and return took place.
For the Government of Fiji it was contended that that over-looked the fact that "Common-

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wealth" was not a new word, since it already formed part of. since it already formed part of the expression defined in section 2(1). If the applicant's interpretation were correct, paragraph (a) should have begun "a Commonwealth designated country".

As a matter of language, his Lordship preferred the government's interpretation. The drafting of both sections was rather odd.

rather odd. His Lordship found it hard to

see why the draftsman should have created a formula in section 2(1) and described it being for the purposes of section l, when it was in fact a definition for all purposes, as the later part of section 2(1) and section 19 made clear, nor why it should have been thought necessary to refer forward from section 1(a) to the immediately following section 2(1). Never-theless, that was what the draftsman decided to do.

The whole of the powers, rights and duties created by the Act were expressed throughout in terms of the "designated"

Commonwealth country". It would be absurd if the test for

The second question was whether the secretary of state could be said to have acted irrationally in issuing the au-thority to proceed. In the light of the conclusion reached on the first question, the applicant's contention on that ground could

not stand.
The third argument was that the offence was of a political character. That being so, the court should grasp the nettle now, recognize that no order for return could ever be properly made, and by releasing the applicant now spare him a long period in custody awaiting the completion of proceedings which were bound to end in his

The Government of Fiji and the secretary of state argued that the structure of the Act com-pelled the conclusion that there was no such power of interven-tion. Of that, his Lordship was not so sure. However, it was not necessary

to express a concluded opinion on that question, for whatever the position might be in theory, it was absolutely plain that in practice the court should not now contemplate entering upon a factual inquiry such as would be necessary before the question of granting any relief at the present stage could be addressed. An application for habeas corpus was not the proper vehicle for such an inquiry.

Mr Justice McCowan agreed. Solicitors: Victor Lissack & Roscoe; DPP; Treasury

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Purchaser fails to enforce house contract in minor son's name

Hector v Lyons Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Staughton

Hudgment November 281 A prospective house purchaser, who, after purporting to nego-tiate with the vendor on his own behalf, instructed solicitors that his son, a minor, was the purchaser and that the son's name should appear on the contract, could not, after exchange, claim that he was himself the actual purchaser and

enforce the contract.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Aloysius Handel Hector against a decision of Mr Robert Reid, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, that Mr Hector was not a party to a contract for the sale of a freehold. house and had no enforceable claim for specific performance against the vendor, Mrs Pamela against the ve

Mr Stephen Cogley for Mr Hector, Mr Nicholas Wood for

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the judge below found that throughout the transaction

Mrs Lyons believed she was dealing with Mr Hector but that Mr Hector's solicitors believed they were acting on behalf of his son and exchanged contracts on that basis.

The purchaser's half of the contract was not signed in the presence of the solicitors and was signed by Mr Hector using a different signature than usual and using his son's name, Martin Aloysius Hector.

The judge regarded Mr Hector's evidence that he was the Martin Aloysius Hector named in the contract and bence the real purchaser as pure fabrication.

In the circumstances the judge held that Mr Hector was not one of the contracting parties.

Mr Cogley argued that the judge had been in error in two

First, as both Mr Hector and Mrs Lyons had intended that Mr Hector would be the purchaser the real contract was in fact between them and the son's name on the contract was an immaterial error.

In support of that proposition he relied on cases concerning unilateral mistake such as Lewis v Averay [1972] 1 QB 198). But

those cases, with one exception, concerned face-to-face transactions and the principle had no application to a contract in writing and wholly in writing. In this case the identity of the vendor and purchaser was established by the names in the Written contract. Mr Cogley's second propo-

sition was derived in agency. It was argued that Mr Hector had contracted as an agent for his son and it was possible that where the apparent agent was in fact the real principal he could enforce the contract (see Boustead on Agency (15th edition (1985) p473 article 115)).

That also had no application

to the present case. The prin-ciple applied where the person had expressly contracted as an

Mr Hector was not a party to the contract. The fact that he was instrumental in the negotiations did not make him a party let alone an agent for somebody

Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Staughton delivered concurring judgments. Solicitors: Tom Kharran & Co, Wood Green; Powell Magrath Spencer, Kilburn. STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

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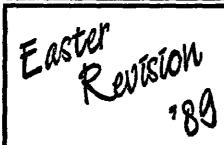
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Imber Court, as befits a police ground, is a functional venue but the rugby played by London on the way to winning the Toshiba divisional championship for the first time has been more than that. It has been intelligent and attractive to player and spectator. Hence the considerable satisfaction which attaches to their

On Saturday they were unable to confirm victory over Midlands until the final quarter, by which time the result from Orreil was known, but there was never any doubt that confirm it they would. By the end, the Midlands pack had been splintered, their lineout beaten and their captain in-jured and off the field. London deserved their winning margin of a goal, three tries and three penalty goals to a goal, which brought them the divisional title on points dif-ference from North, last

season's champions. London are hoping to tour as a division next year, with six matches in Queensland and New South Wales a possibility. The Soviet Union, which holds an annual tournament in late summer, has also been discussed as a potential venue. "It would be ideal to tour at the start of our season," Graham Smith, the chairman of London selectors, said. "We hope to know by the

end of January."

It has been London's good fortune that they have two first division clubs, Harlequins and Wasps, playing a similar brand of rugby, from which to choose. They have also encouraged loyalty and been rewarded by the players, been made by London of their many of whom on Saturday continuous pressure on the uttered reminders to the nat- Midland line than just one try ional selectors, notably by Bates, nipping round the

They led 10-0 at the interval, by which stage Midlands had shared the lineout but remained penned constantly in their own 22. They found the greatest difficulty putting together a positive game because they missed many first tackles and were always working on the retreat; London, true to the creed they have expressed from the outcounter-attacked well through Thresher and the

Final table

wings, but it was interesting to Thompson kicking more judiciously than in previous

Pegler, London's captain,

said it was a far more physical game than the win over North the previous weekend: "But we have a good set of backs who use the ball well, and if there is nothing on they can keep it in play." The ability of those backs to probe for weaknesses helped nullify the threat posed by the Midlands back row, with Thompson drawing the defence to him before releasing Salmon before releasing Salmon. Richards, in any case, was in difficulties after discovering at the first scrum that his shoulder ligaments had not mended properly; though he played on despite the discomfort the Midland scrum drive must

Clough at centre, who had a particularly forthright game and gave Hartley a difficult visitors could go on clinging to was only so long that the visitors could go on clinging to the match by their fingernails, despite the encouragement of Hackney's try, courtesy of good work by Harris (the replacement for the dazed Cusworth) and Mosses, which took them to 10-6.

The extent of London's discipline and positional advantage is illustrated by Hodgkinson - who moved to stand-off half after Cusworth went off - having only one kick at goal apart from his conversion. The final 17 minutes brought the same number of points as Midlands resistance broke: Probyn paved the way for a try by Pegler, who has proved a successful captain and flanker, and when Dodge missed touch Smith eluded Hackney and Hartley

to give Thresher a try.
It was fitting, too, that the
Harlequins locks should share the last try: they have worked successfully throughout the championship. So when Edwards broke away from a lineout 15 metres out, Ackford was on hand to go over in the corner. Good police work by the metropolitan inspector on a police ground.

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more, indeed as at Newport the previous week, Bath's squad rose to the occasion by inflicting defeat on the ambitious

Four tries to nil was not cause

for much argument. True, Sara-cens were without three key players but such mitigation was

intless against a Bath team so

In typically robust West

County manner, Bath made light of their losses and demonstrated the kind of play Saracens can anticipate in the

first division next season. All was not gloom and doom in the visitors' dressing room, however. The coach, Tony Russ, explained that the experience

had whetted his side's appetite

for next season, an emotion not exactly familiar among beaten visiting teams at the Recreation Ground.

What Saracens did learn was

that to miss 10 touch kicks against any Bath side is folly. Holmes was the culprit on most occasions and the outside half

had a game much below his usual level. The back line never

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tries and two penalties to a goal and two penalties, over South and South-West at Orrell on Saturday in the final round of the Toshiba divisional matches did not reveal much to Messrs Cooke and Elliott, who saw it. They knew already that Carling is the best centre in the

country; that when he stirs himself, Rory Underwood is comfortably the best wing; that Winterbottom is a hard-grafting iron man; and that Teague is a They will have noted with some concern the frailties in Morris's game, affied to his wonderful natural talent. He gave as good as he got in his duel with Hill.

Hill's service was superior but Morris was far sharper on the break and he worked as eff-ectively with Buckton as Hill did with his Bath colleagues.

Buckton was great but it that he lacks physical presence, so his talent may be denied the

chance to prove itself internationally. The one relatively unknown player to come of age here was Kimmins, the best forward in either team.

A huge man, he is extraor-dinarily mobile, an adroit ball-handler and an authentic and effective lineout jumper, either in the middle or at No. 2, It will

be sad if he is not soon in contention for an England place. The probable destination of the championship meant that the cup was deposited at Imber Court, where London were play-ing Midlands, while the plinth travelled to Orrell in case of a None was forthcoming, even though the late withdrawal of Pears and the instatement of

Carling disguised this shortcoming with two well-taken penalties to a sitter by Barnes and North, with the breeze on their backs, went further ahead as Townend hoisted high,

South-West won the ruck and Hill spilled the ball forward for

Dooley to pick up and launch

his vast frame over two defenders like a dolphin. The pressure continued and after another searing run by Carling, South-West offended at Caring, South-West offended at a ruck and, after a tap penalty. Winterbottom helped to fashion a superb try by Underwood to open up a 14-6 cushion, on which North could sit out the second half.

Despite glorious counter-attacking from deep positions, aided by weak tackling by the South-West centres, North only just managed it and Hill's blind-side move, supported by Barnes, brought Swift, who cleverly altered the angle of his run, a late try which Barnes converted.

Glynneath Slight lifting of Welsh grief Saracens' Irish machine has have the last laugh

By Gerald Davies

There are five of the junior Welsh clubs remaining in the Welsh Cup competition who will go through to the fifth round draw tomorrow evening. This walked on January 23 will be played on January 23.
It was quite a day for both
Aberavon Quins and Glynneath Aberavon Quans and Glymeans
who managed to put two of the
major clubs out of the competition. Bearing in mind their
considerable difficulties at the start of the season it was always on the cards that Aberavon ald find it difficult to stay in the field this year. They only had to go round the corner to visit their near neighbours, the

Quins, to get their early exit. Maesteg went down to Glynneath but the village's most famous son, Max Boyce, was not there to see the victory Cardiff's New Theatre doing the pantomime season. This is the first time for his club, Glynneath, to go through to the fifth round. Blains, Limbaran, and Taffs Well are the others who joined them. The last mentioned drew 23 points all with Vardre but they outscored the opposition

The most substantial victory of the day was Lianell's 61-3 win against Pontypool United. It was the home side who went into a lead with a penalty by Mark Jones, the full back, in the sixth minute. Llanelli responded two minutes later with a try, but United, given the chance to restore the lead, failed with an easy penalty. This could have sustained their spirits a while longer. But it was their last chance because 10 minutes later the visitors had notched up a 19-3 lead. That, effectively, was it. Despite some skilful charges by the United forwards, Llanelli

could pick and choose their moments to score. Jonathan Davies manufactured 20 points for himself while Carwyn Da-

vies bagged 11 points.
Jonathan Davies' old club,
Neath, had few problems
against Abercara. Mark Jones,
the No. 8, after scoring four tries earlier in the week against Bridgend added a couple more on Saturday

The refreshing tingle that comes from a sip of Schweppes cheer has brought precious light relief amid the national gloom that clings to the valleys and hillsides like some black sufficating sloud. ampionship. Saturday's Welsh Cup distrac-

The Principality is resonant with the calls for fuddy-duddy national selectors to be sacked, national selectors to be sacked, for the coach to be given greater authority, for a more positive game plan and for the selection of players who are willing to fight for their country's pride more fervently than did the team that surrendered to Romania a week last Saturday.

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feated Western Samoa in October. Cunningham, the St Mary's College and Leinster player, who won his only cap to date against England in the millennium match at the end of last season, partners Mullin in the centre. And that will come as a disappointment to Irwin, the Ulter cantain who was chosen

Ulster captain, who was chosen in the Ireland XV that defeated a Combined Provinces XV in Dublin 27-23 on Saturday in the

final trial.

The deciding factor came towards the end of the first half

tions were welcome. There were upsets as minor clubs brought off famous victories but unfortunately for Blackwood they lacked the expertize or the speed to topple their senior neighbours

from the next valley. Newbridge allowed themselves to become involved in a messy brawl for much of the first haif and were made to suffer. Taylor, the Newbridge No. 8, and his opposite number, Thomas, had to spend time in the sin bin and a minute before half time the Newbridge lock,

Allen was sent off.
Allen will probably be sus-

Second cap for Cunningham

By George Ace

after colliding with Dean a few minutes before half-time. X-rays revealed that he had broken

a small bone in the cheek and he is expected to return in three to

four weeks.

Danaher, a player of great

Danaher, a player of great promise two seasons ago, won three caps last season but did not reveal his full potential and the place went to MacNeill in the two games against England. On Saturday he gave an immaculate display of full back play both for the Provinces side and when he changed jerseys at half-time following Kiernan's injury. And to put his inclusion beyond doubt, he kicked two

rugby players in Wales. Few disagree though that England's fancy dans will not be allowed to get into their high-strutting stride when they venture into Wales in the five nations' Newbridge backs were preextra manpower. The Newbridge backs were pre-sented with a continuous stream of possession which was used well by half backs, Fealey and

Turner.
Fealey collected two tries after neat back row moves and Hill saw enough of the ball to take his try tally to four. Rees scored a deserved try as Turner ruined Blackwood's defensive work with sharp breaks and clever tactical kickorears and clever tacheal rick-ing. Turner was, however, off target with his place kicking, missing five out of six attempts. He handed over to Rees who converted one of the two chances that went his way.

SCORERS: Newboldge: Tries: Hill (4), Jones, Rees. Feelby (2). Conversions: Turner, Rees. Blackwood: Penalty goal: Murchen

appetite is whetted

By Peter Dixon By Peter Bills

London irish . Vale of Lune .. Despite Iosing players to the Irish trial on Saturday, London Irish easily beat Vale of Lune in Saracens had cut such a swathe through the Courage Clubs Championship second division this season that they seemed capable of threatening Bath's unbeaten record, defended as it was by a side fielding just three first team regulars.

Alas the London club were sent back up the M4 with the stern reminder that Bath's success has been forged on more a somewhat tame affair at Sunbury.

However, this victory, by two goals and three tries to two goals, would have left one Irish player with mixed feelings. Mahon, the scrum half, playing against his former club, picked up two tries and must have relished playing behind a pack that moved in only one direction — forwards.
But his sympathies would

have gone out to Rice, his opposite number, whose own pack seemed for the most part to be stuck in reverse. The ease shivers through the side.
Frustrating from Vale's point of view was that behind the forwards they had a set of threequarters to match their opponents. Kirby, at stand-off half, looked a tricky customer

no reverse gear

dangerous when coming into the line from full back.
Yet at no point did the Irish look particularly threatened. If they had stuck to the basics a little more often their victory would have been even more emphatic. A preoccupation with a shortened lineout, for in-stance, was baffling and none

Irish led 10-0 at half-time through tries by Stevens and Mahon, Millar increasing the lead before Taylor crossed the line for Vale's first points. Further tries from Cooke and Mahon increased Irish's lead, but Kirky selling two correbut Kirby, selling two outra-geous dummies, had the last word with a try under the posts. That gave Vale half the number of points of the Irish — which was fair, since they were about half as good.

with which they were walked hack over their own line for a pushover try from Millar, which put the Irish 16-0 ahead early in the second half, must have sent shivers through the side.

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VALE OF LUNE: A Higgin; M Grayson, R Oldham, R Taylor, K Sanderson; M Kirby, A Rice; S Webster, A Heima, P Huck, A Insiend, L Dent, I Eccles, M Winterbottom, T Starkis.

Referee: D Chapman (Yorkshire).

Early lead proves to be decisive

Warwickshire

last season's county colts final by winning the National Westminster Bank Shield at Twick points coming in the first quar-ter. Warwickshire could not quite sustain sufficient terri-torial advantage thereafter, al-though the result was in doubt until the final whistle.

Gatishouse (Bristo).

WARNITCKSHIRE: G Stanton (Learnington, captsin): R Cockerton (Bartens Butts), L Boyle (North Learnington College), S Chepman (Bartens Butts), A McAdem (Barkers Butts); G Mitchell (Nunedion), A Wilbshire (Kenikeorin rep: S Geary (Southern); N Griffiths (Learnington), R Cockerill (Covertry), J Gartens (Broad Street), G Pattinson (Learnington), M Hettee (Nunedion), J Gleeson (Nunedion), N Colles (Broad Street), G

Referee: C High (Manchester).

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got going but fundamental, un-forced errors were often the SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP Fourth round
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6 Portypridd | 38
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15 Meaching | 13
15 Wacmarbuydd | 15
16 Meaching | 13
4 Newport | 40
36 Blackwood | 3
16 3 Linnell | 65
11 S Wales Police | 12
8 Blackwood | 12 Fourth round

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Walden 21; Battersea Ironsides 4, Bec Old Boys 17; Beckenham 28, Old Brockeisns 7; Bactern Athletic 23, Northerspton BBOB 8; Bettechenger 45, Deal Wenderers 0; Blooker 31, Warrey 12; Biggleswade 14, Welengborough OG 8; Bishop's Stortford 30, Old Cantabrigians 3; Boursemouth 0, Bristol United 25; Brighton 0, Worthing 31; Bury St Edmunds 0, Colchester 30; Camberley 24, Eastleigh 3; Cantarbury 18; Camberley 24, Eastleigh 3; Cantarbury 19; Camberley 24, Eastleigh 25; Cantarbury 19; Camberley 24, Eastleigh 26; Cantarbury 19; Camberley 24, Eastleigh 26; Cantarbury 19; Chamberley 19; Cold Caterhamians 3; Chril Service 9, Hendon 26; Datchworth 6, Routh Manor 16; Dorchester 7, Yeovil 9; Dover 9, Snowdown 12; Eastbourne 4, Lewes 20; East Carinslead 18, New Ash Green 24; East London 0, Blord Wardsers 15; Erith 17. Shirley Wandserne 10; Fairhop 5, Old Edwardians XV 22; Guy's Hospital 20, Eather 18; Hackney 15, Hermosteed 12; Haringey 48, Redbridge 0; Harlow 14, Welwyn 8; Harrow 14, Aylestury 8; Hensley 34, Taunton 10; Herritord 11, Southend 22; High Whycombe 42, Oxford Old Boys 0; Hove 4, Cantaligh 18; Ipswich 9, Norwich 8; Jehn Norwich 19; Mechan 7; London Cornish 10, Harrodians 18; Une 17; Redwardsen 11; Mechan 23; Harlon 10; Old Gaytonians 10; Norwich 12; Milchara 25, Haywards Heath 7; Norwich 11; Old Ruitshams 10, Upper Clapton 6; Old Edwardians 11; Old Galdfordians 12, Old Blues Normads 42; London New Zesland 20, Old Meadonians 16; Worthish 11; Old Ruitshams 10, Upper Clapton 6; Old Edwardians 11; Old Ruitshams 10, Upper 20; Merchan 12; Milchara 25, Haywards Heath 7; Norwich Marsten 8; Horthish 10; Old Gaytonians 10; Upper Clapton 6; Old Edwardians 10; Upper Clapton 6; Old Edwardians 11; Institute 10; Pinner and Gracumanians 40; Kodok 10; Redireproisars 50; Pullerians 6; Sologo 7; Turbridge 7; Crowborough 1; Turbridge 7; Sologo 7; Sologo 7; Sologo 9; Sologo 9; Sologo 9; Old Edwardians 10; Upper

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ULSTER: Senior clair: Queen's University 25, Old Selvedere 13: Malone 14, Contar? 25: Collogians 22, Dublin University 12; Armagh D, Ards 21; Portsadown 19, City of Denry 25; Eargor 41, DLSP 12, Lainester, Sealor clair: Old Wesley 28, CYMS 11; St. Marry's College 12, Ballymene 18; Sierries 13, NHFC 21; Terreure College 25, Dungannon 6, Blausster: Senior clair. Garryowen 3, Old Crasterni 10; Constitution 35, Greysiones 7; Hönfleid 6, Wamderers 22, Connects: Sanker League: Galvegians 8, Amorre 13, Schools-representative testack: Connects 0, Zimpletowe 18 (Galveny).

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when Cunningham, taking a superb reverse pass from Keyes, carved his way through three tackles to score a try.

In the list and injury. And to put his inclusion beyond doubt, he kicked two penalties from his only three kicks at goal.

Michael Kiernan, Ireland's leading points scorer with a tally of 223 in 33 appearances, was the only player not considered for selection. One of four casualties in the trial, which included

Ireland make one change for the international against Italy at Lansdowne Road on Saturday week from the team that de-

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TENNIS: PLAYERS ACCEPT THE SURRENDER OF THE DAVIS CUP TO WEST GERMANY WITH A TYPICAL EQUANIMITY

veden doubts the will to win

third day.

From David Miller

Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd and their captain, Hans Olsson, came to the interview room on Saturday and you would never have known whether they had won or lost. The fact that the Swedish doubles pair had just surrendered a two sets to love lead, and with it the Davis Cup, seemed to affect the trio no more than had they missed the bus to work. Swedish equanimity, in victory or defeat, is a phenomenon without par-

allel in the world of sport. It can be said that acceptance of defeat in this matter offers a lesson, and a philosophy, which every overstressed, emotional or aggressive competitor should seek to emulate. "We have the right to lose," Olsson said with a trace of defiance in the face of critics. "To be runners-up is satisfactory." Yet West Germany's victory, which to neutral foreign observers was a Christmas present to outstrip them all, inevitably raises questions about Sweden's will to win, or lack of it, which has been an embarrassment to

fellow-countrymen. This extraordinarily improbable result - a 3-0 winning margin for West Germany after the first two days, having trailed by two sets to love in two of the three matches - has pitched Swedish sport into a debate that will run and run

Due credit must, of course, be given to West Germany: to the grit of Carl Uwe-Steep for and Jarryd lose because they staying in an opening match were tired; because they did with Mats Wilander that was not care sufficiently; or

At 14, Carl-Liwe Steeb used to

At 14, CET-UWE Steen usen at best Boris Becker just about every time they played. But fame visits some people later than others and it has taken Charlie,

as he is known in the locker-

room, a long time to steal a little of Becker's limelight.

Becker, a good team man, is quite happy about that. It is no

Davis Cup team on your shoul-ders, and Becker would never

have been able to play as freely as he did against Stefan Edberg

had Steeb not given West Ger

many the suexpected luxury of a

Looking back, the whole tie rested on the way that Steeb handled Mats Wilander's match point. Moments like that sort

a trying to carry an entire

the second singles with a team and critically, incapable Edberg had break point repeat of his Masters-winning form, and to Eric Jelen for helping Becker to turn around an inexplicably forfeited

It may have been at times bizarre tennis, yet it generated a quite exceptional drama. Even hard-bitten, travelweary tennis correspondents, whose palms had not been made to sweat in 10 years free of expectation, admitted that they were involuntarily drawn into an emotional web of

Undoubtedly the result is good for tennis, not to men-tion for the West Germans. It reversed the home defeat in

Final results

West Germany 4, Sweden 7. West German names first: C-U Steeb bt M Willander, 8-10, 1-6, 6-2, 8-4, 8-8; B Becker bt S Edberg, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4; Becker and E Jelen bt Edberg and A Jarryd, 3-6, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2; Steeb lost to Edberg 4-6, 6-8; P Kuhnen bt Willander wjover.

1989 draw

Munich three years ago. Less certain is whether, as some claim, the result is good for Swedish tennis, on the from either singles position; grounds that it will shake and whether he should have them out of any complacency arising from almost habitual appearance in the final.

Three fundamental questions must be answered by the disintegrate. Swedes, which leave in their wake any virtue of being good losers. Did Wilander, Edberg 'impossible" to win, to Boris because Olsson is a captain Jelen on Saturday. For the

Steeb helps spread the load

of changing tactics in a losing against him in the opening position?

Undoubtedly Wilander, the world's No. 1 and triple Grand Slam title winner in 1988, is jaded, suffering from shin injuries. The controversy of defeat was given a further bitter twist yesterday when Sweden scratched from the fifth match of the final, on the grounds that Wilander, Kent Carlsson (thigh muscles) and Jarryd (shoulder) were all unfit to meet a German

The injuries were verified by Professor Bertil Stener, a medical consultant for the federation; and though the crowd booed Olsson, with unsavoury yet understandable frustration when he an-nounced the decision to scratch, a fourth and final singles would have been as irrelevant to the final as Edberg's 6-4, 8-6 victory yesterday over Steeb.

Wilander's defeat, after leading Steeb 10-8, 6-1, can be explained by fatigue, and Edberg's, to a degree, by Becker's brilliance. The debate therefore narrows to whether Olsson was right in the first place to omit Carlsson and whether he should have been more instrumental in advising Edberg and Jarryd when their 6-3, 6-2 lead over Becker and Jelen began to

Edberg is ranked No. 5 in singles and Jarryd No. 1 in doubles in the world. For almost two sets, from 3-3 in the first, they were in a different league to Becker and

> Asked whether the Swedish temperament, personified by Borg and so often an advantage, was not sometimes a disadvantage, Edberg said: We have our own style, our own temperament. We played the way we always play. We can't change."

and Becker, whose mind

on a mere two points.

pursuit of it.

Swedish newspapers have raised the question of whether Carl-Axel Hageskog, Jarryd's personal coach, should replace Olsson as captain. Hageskog was the Olympic team manager in Seoul, where Edberg and Jarryd won only a doubles bronze, as did Edberg in singles. It is doubtful whether Hageskog would alter national character. The Swedes either win because they are better. Or they lose. Besides, Olsson is valued by the players precisely because of his equanimity.





Becker: celebrating a remarkable recovery in the doubles

Whether this will be reflected

immediately on the tournament circuit, where his ATP ranking is ridiculously low at 74, remains to be seen. Almost all of Steeb's success has come in non-Grand Prix tennis — a fine win over Ivan Lendl in the Stattgart Classic last month and, more importantly, the best record of any No. 1 player in the Bundesliga last summer — the powerful West German inter-club competition in which many foreign players compete. Steeb had an 11-1 record for

a victor, over the deadly Swede, Kent Carlsson, on clay. So it was hardly surprising he found the team atmosphere of a Davis Cop level and the engracus forehand with which Steeb lambasted Wilander's serve — a shot that clipped the back edge of the line — stamped Steeb as a player who can handle the big occasion. squad reassuringly familiar. Now that Steeb has split from the Stattgart nightclub owner,

Klaus Latterwausser, who helped him through his early, penniless years, Charlie will probably join the Ion Tariac d never have to worry about a Deutsch terk 29ain. The strongly-built lefthander, who plays excellent football, has already become a popular figure on the tour and, along with his colleague Eric Jelen, is poised to give Becker the support he has been looking for — and help to create a

German tennis dynasty to match that of the Swedes. SWIMMING: BRITISH WOMEN SCORE TRIPLE TRIUMPH IN INAUGURAL WORLD CUP

of heavyweight wit

SPORTS BOOKS

Srikumar Sen and Colin McQuillan, continuing our review of the best sports books of the year, make a selection from boxing and squash rackets

Ever since Tony Galento said of William Shakespeare, "I ain't heard of him. I suppose he's one of them foreign heavyweights. They're all lousy. Sure as hell I'll moider dat hum," boxing writers have dined out on quotes of boxers, trainers, managers, and boxers, trainers, managers and

promoters.
Their witticisms, obscrvations and malapropisms have brightened many a column. It is not surprising, therefore, to see The Book of Boxang Quotations by Harry Mullan, the editor of Boxing News. in the shops. It had to come. It is a delight from cover to cover. Even a non-boxing person can dip into it and come up with a page full of gems. It is well indexed and

sources given should the reader want to follow up a quotation. The old favourites are there, of course: "Honey, I forgot to duck", as Dempsey told his wife after his defeat by Tunney; and the cry by Joe Jacobs after Max

Schmeling's defeat by Sharkey: "We wuz robbed - we should stood in bed." The moderns are rather more colourful in their descriptions and sharper in their

Muhammad Ali: "I'm so fast I can turn off the light and be in bed before it's dark."

turned to spagnetti and I was all over him like the sauce." Larry Holmes: "Right now I've got a roll of \$100 bills in my pocket with a gold money clip around them. When I was a

about each other and what others have to say about them will give even the uninitiated reader a clear insight into the game. It was a relief to find that King, the most long-winded man on the planet Earth can be brief and to the point as well:
"When you can count your money, you ain't got none.

put it down, you know there has got to be a return match. If Boxing Quotations is dancing footwork and fancy combinations, Frank McGhee's England's Boxing Heroes is in the classic English left-first style.

A definitive account is brought up to date

instructional value.

Smursh — A History.

tennis correspondent, no longer his first book.

work still hes in unique research carried out in Pakistan during the 1970s. His is the only authoritative account, for in-stance, of the schism between Hashim Khan and Roshan, the

It is a brilliant book. After you

repetitive mediocrity, this year's discriminating secker after lit-erary squash gifts is presented with a difficult choice between historical inspiration and

Only one truly accurate and enjoyable account of the origins and progress of squash has been published and that was The Story of Squash, by Rex Bellamy. Not too surprising then, that this year's historical contribution is Bellamy's update of his own work, reissued by Heinemann Kingswood as

Although Bellamy, The Times covers squash regularly, his continued interest in the game is cuidenced here by a skilful extension of his original nar-rative to include the arrival of players such as Jahangir Khan, Jansher Khan, Chris Ditmar, Ross Norman and others since

Yet the strength of this latest

truck driver I used to carry \$10 in singles wrapped in a rubber band." treatment, specially Bob Arum and Don King. What they say

the classic English left-first style. McGhee, who was the Chief Sports Writer of the Daily Mirror, covers leading English boxers from Fitzsimmons to Bruno, 40 in all. Anyone who, wants to recall the good old days should buy this book. It is the boxing fan's equivalent of a Commartion ware collection.

boxing tan's equivalent of a Coronation ware collection.

The Book of Boxing Quotations, Harry Mullan, published by Stanley: Paul at £7.95.

England's Boxing Heroes, Frank McGhee, published by Bloomsbury at £12.95.

The structure of the proposed National Rivers Authority is described in the Water Bill going through Parliament. New water quality objectives, the Bill says, will be set by the Environment Secretary which the authority, the NRA, "will take steps to attain".

Roshan sleeping hungry in the streets of Karachi and arriving in London penniless before either Hashim or his brother

squash success. For those more concerned with on-court matters of the moment, the latest addition in the Willow Books sporting instructions series, Improve Your Squash, will come as a welcome departure from the normal and avenues of tech-

Azam could be persuaded to

allow him a share of their

nical repetition.
Introduced by Ross Norman, who chased Jahangir Khan to his first defeat in five and a half years when winning the 1986 world championship, this is a compilation of professional advice covering basic shot-mak-ing, tactics, training, psychology, diet and injuries.

Eight writers are involved behind the Norman frontpiece. Not all are widely known outside the game, but each has earned notable respect within it. • Squash - A History, by Rex Bellamy (Heinemann, Kingswood, £10.95); Improve Your Squash (Collins Willow Books, £12.95).

Hard-hitting gems Brownsdon heads standings

It was triples all round as the Toronto leg of the inaugural world Cup ended on Saturday.

no one would have suggested that Britain would have had a backstroker among the leaders Toronto leg of the inaugural World Cup ended on Saturday. The Hungarian backstrokers, in an international competition, but at Toronto, Robins twice Tamas Dautsch and Krisztina Egerszegi, proved unbeatable; Anders Holmertz took the 100, 200 and 400 metres freestyle; Dautsch, and in the 100 metres final, had the consolation of and Suki Brownsdon achieved a threesome of World Cup goals. taking nearly one-tenth off Dougie Campbell's six-year-old British record. Brownsdon's victory in the Scarborough, meanwhile, had earlier won the 100 metres butterfly, having teamed upwith Brownsdon, Karen Pickering and Joanne Deakins for a national record in the 200 metres medley relay.

100 metres breaststroke by 0.54sec was remarkable since it was achieved in spite of three poor turns: had she not glided to the wall so much, Allison Higson's Commonwealth best would have been in peril. Brownsdon shattered the opposition with a sub-80 second breaststroke section of the 400 metres medley, to heave nearly four seconds off her best.

That win, together with her earlier 100 metres medley victory, puts Brownsdon top of the first set of World Cup standings in that category, a leading position which the Portsmouth pair of Grant Robins and Made-leine Scarborough share in their

This is an important previso for game fishermen if carried out for water quality in many rivers has deteriorated hadly in the

The NRA will be required to control discharges, to manage water resources including the operation of abstraction li-

cences, to supervise land drain-age and flood defence, and to take over fisheries, navigation, conservation, and harbour func-

tions in place of the regional

FOOTBALL

There will be a power for the

Rivers authority's objectives

Government to pay grant in aid to the NRA as a contribution to expenses. For the first year the grant is likely to be £70 million

grant is hard to be 270 initions towards an estimated expenditure of £290 million. The Ministry of Agriculture's grants for capital expenditure on land drainage and flood defence will continue and are expected to total £20 million in 1990/91.

A principal function of the NRA will be to "maintain and

enhance" the quality of inland, coastal and underground waters, and "to take all practicable steps" to achieve water quality

objectives set by the Environ

The NRA will be the pollution

control agency, regulating all pollution discharges through a consent system. Discharging effinent in breach of a pro-hibition will be an offence. There

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ment Secretary.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division:
Port Vale v Oldham (7.0).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION:
Miliwat V Ottenham (2.0).

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Second round: Eustwood Harley v
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Moreowards League: President

transition may not be quite so straightforward.

RESULTS (British unless stated; Merc Freestyle: 25m: F Henter (WS), 10.45sec. 100m: A Holmertz (Swe), 49.28, 400m; Holmertz, Smit 48.94sec. 1,50m: F Calmetril (M), 15-10.41. Becketrolize 100m: 1, T Dayasch (Hun), 56.79; 2, G Robins, 57.02 (British record). Breest-stroke: 50m: 1, Jann Hong Chen (China), 28.40; 8, J Parrack, 29.59, 190m: Chen, 1.01.81; 2, K Guttler (Hun), 102.18; 6, Parrack, 1:33.91. Butterfly: 50m: 1, Henter, 24.46 (European) best, 160m: 1, T Porting (Carl), 54.36, 200m: 1, J Kelly (Carl), 1:59.18; lock-ridded medicy: 400m: 1, J Bidrazen (Swe), 4:17.83; 4, Robins, 4:27.23.

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Just a couple of months ago,

will be a code of practice to help farmers avoid pollution. Breach of this code will not be an offence but "may be taken into account"

by the NRA in deciding to serve notice prohibiting pollution.

Information about water quai ity will be kept by the NRA and will be available to the public.

The NRA will be required to

"maintain, inspreye and develop" salmon, trout, fresh water and eel fisheries, assisted by regional fishery advisory

The NRA will be required to remote "as far as is considered

promote "as far as is consucren desirable, conservation, amenity and recreation on inland waters

and land associated with them". It will be given powers of

compulsory purchase and will prepare annual reports and statements of accounts.

LACROSSE

Mellor suffer

a rare defeat

Mellor, the north of England mens' club champions, suffered

their first defeat of the season, beaten 15-14 by Rochdale, on Saturday (Peter Tatlow writes).

Hampstead and Hillcroft have finished top of the South of England Conference A and R.

They are joined by Purley, Kenton, Bath, London Univer-sity, Buckhurst Hill and Oxford University in a new league to be established after Christmas.

Freestyle treble for Croft

June Croft completed a treble of freestyle victories at the Imperin Gloucester yesterday, when she won the 400 metres race. Over the first two days, she was victorious in the 100 and 200 metres events

Her time of 4mins 15.97secs yesterday gave her a winning margin of more than eight seconds over Nicola Sommers.
Duncan Rolley won the 200
metres medley in a time of
2mins 03.99secs to miss the
English record by a mere half of

a Second.

RESULTS: Mer: 100m beckstroke: J Davey City of Leeds, 58.80secs. 200m beckstroke: P Blake (Wigan Wasps), 2mars 07.85secs. 50m butterfly: M Fibens (Barnet Cophell), 25.58secs. 200m freestyle: D Rolley (Univ of Swarsea), 1min 51.80sec. 200m mediey: O Rolley (Univ of Swarsea), 203.99. 400m mediey: O Rolley (Gloucester City), 426,71. Wement: 100m breastroke: M Hohmann (Wigan Wasps), 1:10.19. 200m beckstroke: K Read (Norwich Penguins), 2:18.55. 100m butterfly: C Foot (Militiad), 1:02.88. 100m freestyle: J Coh (Wigan Wasps), 57.63. 400m freestyle: J Coh (Wigan Wasps), 57.63. 400m freestyle: J Coh (Wigan Wasps), 75.63. 400m fr

EQUESTRIANISM

Belgian rider has his reward for a consistent season

By Jenny MacArthur

The little known Belgian rider, Ludo Philippaerts, made his first appearance at the Olympia show jumping championships a memorable one by taking the Volvo World Cup qualifier on Sannday on Darco, winning the jump-off on a course considered insufficiently demanding by

several riders.
John Whitaker and Next Milton, the winners of the Brussels qualifier on the previous week-end, were relegated to third place behind Austria's Thomas Frihmena.

Whitaker, who is now at the head of the European league for the World Cup, said before leaving for the Grenoble show, that he did not think the jump-off course asked enough of the horses, relying, as it did, on speed alone

speed addre.

That, however, should not detract from Philippaerts' performance. He and Darco, an eight-year-old bred in Belgium. have been regularly placed throughout the season. They were third in the Rotterdam grand prix in the summer and fifth in Brussels earlier this month. The way they atta Sanirday's course suggested they would have been hard to beat, whatever its standard of

Whitaker, who had the mis-fortune to go first, was neverthe-less fast and clear. Fruhmann, despite having a fall in the practice arena just beforehand, recovered in time to compete and was faster than Whitaker. Philippeerts followed him into the ring and, relying on his own instincts — there were no other Belgian riders at the show to advise him — managed to cut a third of a second off

Fruhmanu's time to claim the £13,000 Volvo car. He is now in eighth place in

the European league and hopeful of a place at the final in Tampa, Florida, next April. Fruhmann, clearly unaffected by his fall, went on to finish oint first on Bunerfly in the Modern Alarm Puissance, in which the wall reached 7ft lin in the final round. Yesterday, on Mayflower, he was joint winner of the Christmas Cracker Six-

Of the Christinus Cracker.

RESULTS: Volvo World Cup: 1, Darco (L. Philippeerts. Beiglum). 0, 25.41sec; 2.

Grandour (7 Fruhmann, Austria). 0, 25.89.

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 Next year's Olympia show will host the final of a new competition, the British Horse Society's Riding Clubs National Top Score championship in aid of Help the Aged, Ninety pence from each entry fee for the qualifying rounds — held throughout the country — will 80

to the charity.

Sophic Newman, a team gold medal winner at this season's Junior European Three-Day Event championships, is the recipient of this year's Subaru three-day event scholarship. She will spend eight months training with Angela and Michael Tucker in Gloucestershire. Subaru have extended sponsorship of the Tuckers' team until 1991.

trial in February, despite poten-tial pressures from television for

There are also other pressures he could well do without.

Tunstall is patently bemused by all the attention. And, as flavour

of the month, will attract all

sorts of undesirables who pose

There might have been less limelight if Tim Hutchings had run. Lewis, for one, thought Hutchings's fine recent form

would have made him the more likely winner. Unfortunately, Hutchings was struck down with

a fever overnight, and had to

Hutchings, for some reason, has not been invited which means that their first face-off will

probably happen in Mallusk, Belfast on January 7.

They will not meet in Dur-

him to do so.

as agents nowadays.

ATHLETICS

Talented Tunstall under pressure

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Being born in the Dales, near Norway. That also means that Preston, evidently helped nurbe should not run the British ture Steve Tunstall's talent for uphill running, which he put to such good use in dominating, and eventually winning, the Miller-Lite IAC cross country in Cardiff, Ron Hill, an illustrious predecessor, from nearby Bolton, once said: "I felt more like a

mountain goat at times."
But Tunstall also ascribed his climbing capacity to his time in the French Foreign Legion mountain patrol in Corsica. One did wonder what he had left up his sleeve if somebody had actually threatened to beat him on Saturday. But he assured us

that the Legion is much changed nowadays.

Tunstall is full of surprises. A British athletics had ever heard of him. Dave Lewis, of neigh-bouring Rossendale Harriers, three years older at 27 and finally beaten on the last hill, "vaguely remembered him from his Preston AC days." Tunstall finished 79th in the national youths cross country in 1981, prior to joining the Legion for five years, during which he rediscovered his talent, and

worked on it so well that he finished 14th in the world cross country, while running for France last March.

Having left France, and the Legion, requalification will take one year, so Tunstall will miss a chance to run for Britain in next March's world cross-country in

McLeod run continues prevented Steve Cram, the world record holder for the mile,

Mike McLeod recorded his 15th consecutive victory in the Saltwell Road Race yesterday when he completed the 10

when he completed the 10 kilometre event in 29min 1.9sec — just three seconds outside his course record.

McLeod, a 10,000 metres silver medal winner at the Los Angeles Olympics, made his crucial break two miles from the close and beat Colin Walker, of Gateshead, into second place Gateshead, into second place with John Robson, of Edin-burgh Southern, third. Injury

Belfast on January 7.

MEN (8,000 metres): 1, S Tunstall (Eng), 23 min 55 set; 2 D Lewis (Eng), 23:55; 3, K Block (Kenye), 24:05; 4, C Mochrie (Midlends), 24:26; 5, G Tunstall (North), 24:29; 5, J Ngudi (Kenye), 24:31, Teamer 1, England 10 pts; 2, Kenye 20; 3, Northern treland 84; 4, Scotland 95; 5, Iraland 97; 6, Weles 128.

WOMEN (5,500m): 1, J Hunter (Eng), 18:51; 2, A Pain (Eng), 19:12; 3, A Missand (Kenye), 19:17; 4, K McLeod (Sco), 19:24; 5, P Wembor (Kenye), 19:25; 6, N Monris (Eng), 19:25, Teamer 1, England 9; 2, Kenye 22; 3, Scotland 33; 4, Iraland 34; 5, Wales 47; 8, Northern Ireland 80.

MITERIMEDIATE WOMEN (4,500m): 1, L Watson (Eng), 15:43; 2, Theorem; Eng), 19:53; 3, G Stacey (Eng), 15:53; 7 seamer 1, England 12; 2, Ireland 38; 3, Scotland 49; 4, Weles 69; 5, Northern Ireland 84.

from taking part McLeod, who first won this race in 1974, said: "I was disappointed Steve wasn't here, but unfortunately fitness did not

RESULTS: MEN: 1, M McLaod (Essatch Harriers), 29mins 19sec; 2, C Walker (Gatesheed H), 29.34; 3, J Robson Edisburgh Sm), 29.55. TEAM: Elsystic Harriers, 33. WOMEN: 1, S Catford (Leeds City, 3.440; 2, P McFentand (Caremont), 36.57; 3, S Hogg (Blaydon Harriers), 37.59. TEAM: Elsyston H, 35 pts.

SKIING

Schneider shows her technical superiority

From Iain Macleod, Val Zoldana, Austria lechner, of West Germany, who,

Having exchanged the sub-zero temperatures of Austria for the more temperate Italian Dolo-mites, Vreni Schneider, of Switzerland, yesterday empha-sized that, irrespective of conditions, she is the world's supreme technical skiler. Schneider, who won the wom-en's slalom in Altenmerkt on

Pricky, achieved her second consecutive World Cup giant skalom victory with such overwhelming superiority that it brought a glowing tribute from Mateja Svet, the champion. The young Yugoslav, who is seen as the heir-apparent to Schneider's crown, was a second behind the winning time of 2min 28.40sec. Svet, though, was fulsome in her praise: "She

is, for me, without any doubt the best". Svet said. Although there was only a covering snow here, the prepara-tory work left the Foppe course to the liking of all the racers. "It was long and the snow was very smooth," Svet said.

Two dramatic falls, however, proved to have quite a bearing on the results. Michela Gerg, of West Germany, pushing too hard towards the finish line, tumbled, missed a gate and was denied fourth place.

And, for Uhike Maier, of Austria, who was comfortably ahead by 1.17sec after the first run, there was the disappointment for the second time this season of squandering a hand-some lead. Austria's consolation was Anita Wachter's third place.
The biggest surprise, however, came from Regina Mosen-

from a start number of 67, skiled briliantly to finish fourth. Svet, who is starting to find her best form, was not dissatis-fied with second place. She knows that time is still on her side. "I made a few mistakes," she said, "but nothing big. It wasn't a dream run."

Wash't & dream run."

RESILTE: 1, V Schneider (Switz), 2min 28.40sec; 2, M Swet (rug), 229.40; 3, 4, Wachter (Aus), 230.03; 4, R Mosen-lechner (WG), 230.97; 5, M Waßer (Switz), 231.22; 6 C Merie (Fr), 231.38; 7, T McKinney (US), 231.52; 8, I Sakvinnoser (Aus), 231.52; 9, C Neisson (Swit), 231.74; 10, K Percy (Can), 231.93; 11, J Knole (Liech), 237.97; 12, A Horizer (WG), 232.07; 13, K Dedler (WG), 232.15; 14, 8 Wolf (Aus), 232.27; 15, C Outstat (Fr), 232.42, Landing World Cap positions: Overall 1, Schneider, 107pts; 2, U Maier (Aus), 63; 3, M Fight (Switz), 59, Gland stations: 1, Schneider, Sopts; 2, Wachter, 35; 3, Swet, 30.

• KRANJSKA GORA, Yugoslavia (Reuter) - Marc Girar-delli outclassed Alberto Tomba to win his second statom of the season on Saturday and to go to the top of the overall World Cup points list. Girardelli set the pace with

two near-faultless displays on an icy slope which forced Tomba into mistakes and third place. into mistakes and third place.

RESULTS: 1. M Girardell (Lux), 1mh 150.52bec; 2. A Bitmer (MG), 151.07; 3. A Tomba (8), 1:51.22 4. O Christan Suuseth (No.), 1:52.21; 5. H Soulz (Austria), 1:52.48; 6, F.Jurico (2.), 1:53.12; 7. T Okabe (Jupan), 1:53.20; 8, Felix McGrath (US), 1:53.50; 9. J Melesson (Swel), 1:53.77; 10, P Accola (Switz), 1:53.87; 11, O Totach (8), 1:53.88; 12, M Tribacher (Austria), 1:54.13; 13, G Medicar (Austria), 1:54.64; 15, Frommen (Luch), 1:54.51. Landing World Chy statem positions: 1, Girardell, 7:05x; 2, Ektner, 4x; 3, Tomba, 40, Leading Medicas Cup positions: 1, Garardell, 7:05x; 2, Ektner, 4x; 3, Tomba, 40, Leading Medicas Cup positions: 1, Garardell, 7:05x; 2, Ektner, 4x; 3, Tomba, 40, Leading Medicas Cup positions: 1, Austria, 547ph; 2, Switzy
154.30; 3, West Germany, 253.

SNOOKER

Davis quick to get his feet on the ground

Monte Carlo — Steve Davis remained the perfect professional even when the sport moved to the exotic location of Monte Carlo for the final stages of the five city £130,000 Norwich Union European Grand Prix (a Special Correspondent writes).

Davis went straight to the practice table on Saturday after travelling to the principality by helicopter from Nice airport. The practice paid off, for he beat Dennis Taylor 3-1 to go through to the final.

Dennis Taylor 3-1 to go inrough to the final.

Taylor, the world No. 10, is also a dedicated performer and one of the few players who is never fearful of facing Davis.

The pair produced half-century breaks to share the first two frames before Davis took advantage of Taylor's mistake advantage of Taylor's mistake to take the next two frames, finishing with a break of 55. His victory was worth a minimum £25,000 and there is a

£30,000 prize waiting for the winner of the final also involving Jimmy White, who safety negotiated his semi-final against Terry Griffiths. Griffiths, who had only just

finished a course of treatment for a throat infection, was 2-0 down to breaks of 66 and 61. He did manage to take the third frame before White pulled away again to set up his third final meeting of the season with Davis. The score stands at one victory apiece.

RISSULTS: Semi-fluxie: S Davis (Engl bt D Taylor (N ire), S-1. Frame scores (Davis frair 68-18, 44-72, 80-26, 70-12. J Venice (Eng) bt 7 Griffing (Wat), S-1. Frame scores (Whits first): 66-1, 76-26, 39-68, 70.0.

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Gunner Mac set for Kelso encore

Gunner Mac, most impressive on his debut over fences at Kelso a fortnight ago, is strongly fancied to follow up when he returns to the propular wins all came as a four-year-when he returns to the propular and he should need to follow up when he returns to the propular and he should need to follow up when he returns to the propular and he should need to follow up with age — his Flat wins all came as a four-year-when he returns to the propular and he should need to follow up with age — his Flat wins all came as a four-year-when he returns to the propular and he should need to follow up with age — his Flat wins all came as a four-year-when he returns to the propular and he should need to follow up with age — his Flat wins all came as a four-year-when he returns to the propular and he should need to follow up with age — his Flat wins all came as a four-year-when he returns to the propular and he should need to follow up with age — his Flat wins all came as a four-year-when he returns to the propular and he should need to follow up with age — his Flat wins all came as a four-year-when he returns to the propular and he should need to follow up with age — his Flat wins all came as a four-year-when he returns to the propular and he should need to follow up with age — his Flat with a should need to follow with age — his Flat with a should need to follow with age — his Flat with a should need to follow with age — his Flat with a should need to follow with age — his Flat with a should need to follow with age — his Flat with a should need to follow with age — his Flat with a should need to follow with age — his Flat with a should need to follow with age — his Flat with a should need to follow with a should need to Scottish track for today's

Gattonside Novices' Chase. The winner of three races on the Flat and three over hurdles, Neville Bycroft's versatile five-year-old promises to be even better over the larger obstacles.

fences, Gunner Mac's jumping improved as the race progressed and challenging at the last, he ran on well to beat South Sunrise by a length. Birling Jack, 12 lengths away third, franked the form by defying 12 stone in a novice handicap chase at Ayr on

12.15 Bellepberon. 12.45 Tactico. 1.15 Rubydora.

good for the Carlisle winner, Shoon Wind.

Peter Niven, who rides Gunner Mac, will be hoping that The Builder can recapture his excellent form of two seasons ago when he returns to active duty in the Guy Bailey On his first attempt over Handicap Chase.

Without a run for 20 months and with 12st 3lb to carry, though, The Builder and he looks poised to take his hurdles, particularly when a old finished just out of the revenge on 10th better terms. occasion and preference is for well-being when a good sec-ond to Whats What at reappearance in the Cardona the first division of the Chias Catterick 12 days ago.

when he returns to the popular old — and he should prove too a handicap hurdle at the last Hurdle. Kelso meeting but Tactico had third.

Before that, Tactico had finished a three-length second to Centre Attraction over Terry Casey, has shaped well

Green Archer, a good second at Nottingham on Sat-The consistent and versatile Rubydora can begin to fulfil Hurdle.

Richard Dunwoody looks Kelso meeting but Tactico had Richard Dunwoody looks Roger Fisher, can take full previously run a good race the jockey to follow at advantage of the two stone he over fences at Ascot when Towcester where he has bright fourth to Prize Asset, only six prospects of landing a treble lengths behind Saturday's Ascot winner, Ida's Delight in Corners (1.0) and Waterloo Boy (2.30), the last two for David Nicholson.

Celtic Barle, trained by Cash Is King.

reappearance in the Cardona the first division of the Christ- on her reappearance. A Handicap Hurdle while mas Pudding Novices'

1.45 GUY BAILEY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,576: 3m) (10 runners)

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BETTING: 11-10 Gunner Mac, 11-4 Norval, 5-1 Shoon Wind, 7-1 Narana, 10-1 Abdicator, 12-1 Belon Brig, 20-1 others.

Long handicep: Kamat Siddiqi 9-10. BETTINC: 3-1 Conclusive, 4-1 Joe's Fancy, 5-1 Yarget Man, 6-1 Silent Valley, 8-1 g Kanda, 12-1 Candy Cone, 16-1 others.

2.15 GATTONSIDE NOVICES CHASE (21,145: 2m 6f) (8 runners)

2.45 CARDRONA HANDICAP HURDLE (21,318: 2m 6f) (13 runners)

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4124-21 BLUFF KNOLL 28 (CD,S) (R Brewis) R Brewis 5-12-4
10231-5 DEMI JOHN 19 (CD,S) (R Alban) G Richards 6-12-0
03635-3 BURRI WALK 78 (CL,S) (Rics M Armstrong) I Jordon 8-11-4
80-P101 DUBALEA 14 (CD,F,S) (Mirs H Fraser) J Haticines 5-11-2
188/022-2 GREEN ARCHER 2 (0,5) (R Mooth) Mrs J Ramaden 5-10-12
0416-P STAR OF KINLOCH 79 (3) (Mrs M Stewart) G Moore 4-10-6
4005-33 DUBSOUS JAKE 5 (S) (M Oldham) G Moore 5-10-6
023F65-AMBERGATE 304 (F) (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-10
45-34P POONA EXPRESS 18 (5) (Mrs S Lynam) C Beewer 7-10-5
04-023 TEPYLON 6 (Q,S) (G Hoolaten) P Charlton 9-10-4
37-0564 MR PERIFECT 38 (V,SF,F,S) (Mrs J Musgrave) B Willdinson 9-1
446383 MAW BROON 7 (S) (A Brown) W Fairgrieve 5-10-0

Long handlesp: Maw Broon 9-11. SETTING: 3-1 Bluff Knoll, 7-2 Burri Walk, 5-1 Dubelea, Green Archer, 7-1 Tepylon, 8-1 Dub

Course specialists

FORM THE BUILDER runs for the first time since his 51 4th to Gainsay at Liverpool (3m 1f, good to soft) in April 1987. Thorough stayer suited by soft ground. SAMFEN reseled the outing on his sessonal debut and is better judged on a 10 2nd to Brandy Hambro at Ayr (3m 110yd, good

with the Martin Pipe-trained Eternal Credit in the Save and Prosper Handicap Chase and the six-year-old, a winner at Perth in May when trained by receives from Direct Approach.

Sheer Elation, who takes a considerable drop in class, is napped to beat eight moderate rivals in the Turkey and Ham Conditional Jockeys' Selling

frame in big novice hurdle fields several times last season reproduction of that effort

SHENT VALLEY has dropped down the handless and was not disgraced last time when 31 2nd to Mercy Less at Newcastle (3m 6f, good to acit).

JOE'S FAMCY was witning her first race for time seasons when accounting for Clonroche Gazette by 31 here over 2m 81 (soft) last time out.

NORVAL made a series of mistales when a below-per 7th to Lakino at Catterick (2m, good) last time and is better judged on a %1 2nd to Unex-Plained at Hexham (2m, soft). NARAMA found Vicars Landing 10t too good at Doncester (2m 4f, good to firm) last

off) a neck 4th and STAR OF KINLOCK polled up. DUBALEA regained the winning thread over course and distance last time out when beating Ah Jim Lad

CUBALEA regained the withing mread over course and distance lest time out when beating Ah Jim Lad by 1%1.

GREEN ARCHER makes a swift reeppearance effer a %1 2nd to Green Tops at Nothingham (2m 6t, good) on Saburday. DUBIOUS JAKE was a one-packed 8r 3nd to impressive Vicario Di Bray at Heydock (2m 4t, soft).

Selection: SURRY WALK (nep)

P Harte (4)
N Leach (7)
B Storey
N Doughty
J Smert



Gifford and Peter Hobbs had

will now go for the Daily Telegraph Hurdle at Ascot on

February 8, the Rendlesham Hurdle at Kempton later that month and then the Waterford

Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival.

Ida's Delight, trained by Alastair Charlton in Northum-

berland, made his third visit to

one when landing the Frogmore

Handicap Chase, beating Mou-Dafa, on whom Michael Wil-

liams deputized, by a short head. Ida's Delight will return for the Victor Chandler Handi-

cap Chase on January 14, al-though even with a 4lb penalty

confidence in the Hampton

Court Handicap Hurdle for

amateur riders, and Elsworth subsequently confirmed the

well-being of Desert Orchid for the King George VI Rank Chase

Leopardstown two days later, while Cavvies Clown could go

Chepstow or take on Ballyhane

Ascot this season a successful

Champion back Choice of today despite heavy Ascot fall

Peter Scudamore resumes riding at Towester today after twisting neck muscles in a spectacular fall from Strands Of Gold in the SGB Handicap Chase at Ascot on Saturday. He gave up a subsequent mount on Mou-Dafa. added. "The Mandarin Chase at-Newbury will be his next race and then he'll be prepared for the Gold Cup." Ballyhane is generally quoted at 25-1 for Cheltenham. Gifford and Peter Hobbs had initiated a double with French Goblin in the Youngmans Long Walk Hurdle, and he too made the most of his luck when Rustle, who looked the likely winner, dislodged Michael Bowlby after the final flight.

French Goblin's win postponed his move to novice chasing until next season. He will now go for the Daily

Throughout the adulation of a record-breaking season, the champion jockey has never lost sight of the fine line between triumph and disaster - "It could all end tomorrow" is a favourite caution — and the reason was

there for all to see.
The 13-8 joint-favourite completely ignored the third fence and crashed straight into it, and crasued straight into it, catapulting Scudamore over his head and down into the ground. He returned shaken but, by National Hunt standards, relatively unscathed, and after physiotherapy on Saturday eve-

ning is set to return.

"He sometimes r "He sometimes misses one out," said Scudamore, "just the way he did when he fell at Martin Pipe yesterday reported Strands Of Gold well but rather stiff. Future plans will be

governed by his return to full

beneficiary from Strands Of his weight is only 8st 10b.

Gold's fall, surviving an untity

The David Elsworth-trained jump when clear at the last to hold Sun Rising by a neck. "He was idling in front and still has plenty to learn," said trainer Josh Gifford. "They hurried him early but his jumping settled down as he went on."

The Findon trainer was win-ning the race for the third time in four years with a horse owned by Jim Joel, Door Latch having landed the spoils in 1985 and

Barabrook Again, who also holds the King George engagement, will run instead at either Wincanton on Boxing Day or at "He's in the King George but that's flying a bit too high at this stage and another handicap would suit him better," Gifford in the Mandarin. for the Coral Weish National at

Leaders over the jumps

for Čeltic

Celtic Chief, a best priced 8-1 with Ladbrokes for the Cham-pion Hurdle following his win in the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle at Ascot on Saturday, will run next in either the Top Rank Christ-mas Hurdle at Kempton or (George Rae writes).

The former, with ante-post Cheltenham favourite Kribensis and the reigning champion Celtic Shot as probable runners, would be the more difficult option, and would also represent a character by trainer. a change of heart by trainer Mercy Rimell. "I have always felt that Kempton would not suit

him, but I may have to alter that view," she said.

Should Mrs Rimell opt for Kempton, it will force a decision on Saturday's winning jockey Richard Dunwoody, who is also associated with the Michael ste-trained Kriben

Although Celtic Chief's win, by a length from Calapaez, quickened few pulses his trainer was emineatly satisfied. "He missed a fortnight with a foot missed a fortnight with a foot problem and he was only just ready to run today," she said.
"He jumped as well as I've seen him and he's become stronger and better balanced. I think it was immatarity when he didn't come down the hill very year. Chalcumptus and he'll.

handle it better next time." Jimmy Frost, slightly conbrought down by Cashew King, has been stood down for 48 hours. He hopes to resume at Ladlow tomorrow.

Danish Flight for Wetherby

Danish Flight, this year's Arkle Challenge Trophy winner, landed Nottingham's EBF Colwick Intermediate Chase in a canter on Saturday and next contests the £25,600 Castleford Contests the 223,000 Chase at Wetherby's Christmas meeting. Mark Dwyer led all the way on the nine-year-old, who was hard held in beating Bentley by seven lengths.

Danish Flight incurs a 4lb

penalty for the Wetherby race, bringing his weight to 11st 13ib. After that, Jimmy Fitzgerald has a race at Ascot on January 14 in mind.

ite for last season's Champion Hurdle, returned to winning form in the Lismullen Amateur

Riders' Hurdle and now goes for the Sean Graham Hurdle at

taken charge of Granville Hotel, one of the most promising young hurdlers in Ireland. "He is a very nice individual and the

Sun Alliance Hurdle at the festival will be his target,"

Morris said.

P Scudamore 100 48 23 6 -11.97 G McCourt 42 22 15 3 +34.00 R Dumvoody 41 48 35 1 -9.75 M Dryer 40 40 24 2 -25.88 B Powel 23 20 22 15 -109.93 M Hamenond 23 14 16 5 -11.22 Carvill's Hill full of promise

said, "it was just a matter of getting him fit. He has been lame and everyone who looks at

him suggests it's something different."

The eagerly-awaited chasing de-but of Carvill's Hill fulfilled all expectations at Navan on Sat-urday. The big bay, who stands over 17 hands, put his recent training problems behind him when coming home an impres-sive four-length winner of the two-mile Joe Norris Remanlt Novices' Chase.

The gelding has a long way to go before he can be considered a serious contender for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. However, the Jim Dresper-trained bay is following a similar path to Dawn Run, heroine of the 1986 Gold Cup, who also made her chasing debut at Navan four

years ago.
Carvill's Hill raced up with the pace, in fourth place, jumping his fences with ease. His supremacy was soon evident as he pulled his way to the front approaching the second last fence to come home at his

leisure from Furlana Wonder.

Dreaper was visibly relieved and delighted. "His jumping has never been a problem," Dreaper

Ken Morgan, the winning rider, was also delighted: "He was always safe. I never felt at any stage that he would fail," Morgan said. "In fact I did not realize he was jumping. It was so effortless for him."

Syndigm maistically, in the Leopardstown. Arthur Moore had encouraging news of Roark, who will be attempting to win The Ladbroke at Leopardstown on January 14 for the second time. "He is well and we are very hopeful," Moore said.

Michael Morris has recently

effortless for him."

Standing majestically in the winner's enclosure, Carvill's Hill still looked far from fully wound up. "If the ground is suitably soft, he will go to Leopardstown on Boxing Day for the two-mile Dennys Gold Chase," Dreaper said.

Yesterday, Dreaper reported Yesterday, Dreaper reported from his Kilsallaghan stable that

Carvill's Hill was sound and had eaten up. He added that Carvill's Hill was by no means certain to go to Cheltenham this season but that, if he did, the Sun Alliance Chase would be his objective.

Cloughtaney, who dis-

Fast Results -1.30 1, Sweet City (4-6 fav); 2, West Ender (4-1); 3, Hunters Leep (11-1). 6 ran.

Saturday's results

12.15 1, Lanchuscoid (7-2); 2, Chase The Line (12-1); 3, Hogmanay (7-1). Crumpet Line (12-1); 3, Hogmanay (7-1). Crumpet Line (12-1); 3, Hogmanay (7-1). Crumpet Line (12-1); 3, Hogmana Line (10-1); 1 key; 3, Calife (33-1); 2, Natura (14-1); 9 key; 2, Chase (14-1); 3, Jazzetas (33-1), 7 key. NP: Abbreviation.

3.6 1, Shacing Walter (9-4 fev); 2, Crusted (6-1); 3, Old Maiton (6-1), 9 ran. Delite 5-4 tav. 8 rate. NR: Narcone, 12.50 1, Calific Chief (2-5 fav; Private Handicaspar's top rating); 2, Catapaez (4-1); 3, Jazzetas (33-1), 7 ran. NR: Abbreviation. 1.29 1, Franch Gobile (3-1); 2, Gave Brief (11-4 tav); 3, Tewit Cassie (14-1), 10 ran. 1.55 1, Ballyhane (13-8 ji-tav); 2, Son Hising (9-1); 3, Cassie Warden (16-1), Strands Of Gold 13-8 ji-tav.; 2, Son 1.29 1, takin Dallyhane (1.1-2 Mou-Defa

Ascot

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Soranto Of Goot 13-5 p-tev. 5 rgh.
2.30 1, ide's Delight (8-1); 2, Mou-Defa
-(6-1); 3, Worthy Knight (8-1); 10yal Stag 9-4 fav. 7 ran. Paddyboro (8-1) withdrawn,
not under orders — nuis 4 applies to all
bets, deduction 10p in pound.
3.0 1, Brandon Pier (8-1); 2, Esha Nees
6-4 tav); 3, El Galileo (12-1). 13 ran. NFL
Matter.

Per cent 20.7 17.8 17.5 16.7 14.3 12.9 April 2. Besides (6-2 fev); 2. Besides (10-1); 3. Marstrakstoneswood (6-1), 14 rm. 14.3 12.9 Less (6-2); 3. Sig Aph (6-4), 3 rm.

Nottingham 12.45 1, Cry For The Closes (7-1); 2, Lumberjack (5-5 tav); 3, Sara Lane (13-2), 19 rgn. 19 rgn.
1.15 1. Danish Flight (1-9 fav); 2. Benfloy (25-1); 3. Vickstown (10-1). 3 ren. NR: Border Tieter.
1.45 1. Moore Stylish (5-1); 2. Connett Star (14-1); 3. Tribute To Youth (11-8 fav). 17 ran. NR: Landski, Trojan Wer.
2.15 1. Semsun (2-1); 2. Wester Cannor. (8-4); 3. Cleaning Up (25-1). Celtic Bard 7-4 fav. 5 ran.

2.45 1, Geombridge Jepher (7-1); 2, Grand Value (15-2); 3, Numerale (2-1). Kingtor 7-4 tav. 7 ren. 3.15 1, Green Tops (11-2); 2, Green Archer (4-1); 31; Drowsy (14-1); 31; Rogers Princess (7-2 tay). 17 ren. NR: Rogers Princess (7-2 tay).

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KELSO Selections By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 Gunner Mac

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 GUNNER MAC. Going: good to soft 12.15 BIRGHAM NOVICES HURDLE (21,031: 2m) (19 runners) J O'Gormen (7) . K Doc B Starey
B Starey
T P White (7) BETTING: 5-2 Beliepheron, 7-2 Azuse, 9-2 Border Loch, 13-2 Felt Mist, 8-1 Ellie On, 10-1 Palm Rea 12-1 Border Spark, 16-1 others. 1967: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST

FORM AZUSA put up his best effort when just over 8t 4th to Bengairn at Hexham (2m, soft) last term. BELLEPHENON has been below form on his last two starts but has a clear chance on a head 2nd to Keyanicch at Hexham (2m, secretary and head 2nd to Keyanicch at Hexham (2m, secretary and the secretary measurements). (2m, good) on his seasonal reappearance. BORDER LOCH running-on 10/ 2nd to Lottle's Fury

12.45 ST BOSWELLS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,464: 2m 196yd) (5 numers) 5 ST BOSWELLS HANDICAP CHASE (21,405, carrings), 111225 CENTRE ATTRACTION 10 (BF,CD,F,O,S) (N B Mason Ltd) G Richards 9-12-4 L O'Hers (7)

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51-5252 RMPAGE 38 (D,G,S) (D Nicholson) S Leadheiter 10-10-5_____
34P53-6 TASAR 14 (CD,F,G) (C Reey) W A Stephenson 7-10-0 _____
U66035 GROUND MASTER 14 (D,F,G,S) (W Sample) W Sample 11-10-0.

BETTING: 6-4 Tactico, 5-2 Centre Attraction, 4-1 Impage, 8-1 Tasar, 12-1 Ground Master. FORM CENTRE ATTRACTION was a tailed oil 5th to Akram at Cheltanham (2m, good) last time but has claims if reproducing his 3t defeat of TACTICO (3b better off) over course and distance (good) in April with BIPAGE (3b better off), 18½15th. TACTICO, a winner over hardles here (2m, soft) recently, had serier run a crediable 11½14th to Prize Asset at Asoot (2m, good to firm). Runs off the same handlesp mark as when winning at Perth (2m, good) earlier in the sesson.

1.15 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,234:

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Selections

By Mandarin

By Michael Seely 12.30 Battalion. 2.30 WATERLOO BOY (nap).

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1.0 MISTLETOE NOVICES CHASE (Div I: £1,436: 2m 5f 110yd) (10 runners)

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1-23 FIVE CORNER'S 37 (BF-9) (H Jos) D Nicholson 5-11-0.

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85-500 MASTER COMEDY 5 (Miss J Wildmann) Alias I, Bower 10-12...

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12.30 CHRISTMAS PUDDING NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £680: 2m) (18 runners)

8 BATTALION 23 (R Dorrier) C Brocks 4-10-11
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6-18 (H LAWS 271 (A Bartcham) Mrs D Haine 4-10-11
62 BELAND SET 5 (J Short) K Morgan 6-10-11
P9-330 KAFARRO 17 (J Mackenzie) J Jenkins 5-10-11
428-P)0 LINER 9 (Burt & Trevice Contractors Lut) P Butler 7-10-11
6 SARTILY LAD 19 (P Cundell) F Cundell 6-10-11
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FORM FORALLOVUS, a 9% 3rd to Dubelea here last time with KATY KEYS a never-nearer 9th, had earlier won over course and distance (pood to solly when accounting for Italian Tour by 3I with CELTIC DAWN 15th. HIGH-RITH, a 6I winner from Welsmown Character at Perth (2m 4f, good) on his seasonal neappearance, was 8f 3rd to distlower Raider at Southwell (2m 4f, soft) less time. FAIR ECHO, successful in novices' chases at Perth

12.30 Celtic Barle.

Going: good

2m) (9 runners)

1.00 Five Corners.

1.30 SHEER ELATION (pap).

2.00 Eternal Credit.

2.30 Waterloo Boy. 3.00 Major Match.

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RUSYDORA has useful form in National Hunt Flat races this term, notably a %! defeat of the highly-regarded Michaek at Ayr (2m, good to soit) with CRYPTO FLASH a never dangerous 11th.

Rinus doubtful for Chepstow

Rinus earned a 16-1 quote from the sponsors for the Coral Welsh National after winning the Melleray's Belle Challenge Cup Handicap Chase at Ayr on Saturday but is not certain to run. "He could go to Chepstow on December 27 or to Wetherby for the Rowland Meyrick Chase on Boxing Day," said Gordon Richards, for whom Rinus was the middle leg of a treble.

FORM BLUST KNOW, justified favouritism when staying on strongly to beat ishicase by 61 at Newcastle (3m, good to soit) last time with MAW BROOM (10th better of) 2014 6th. Faces a stiffer task today. DEMS JOHN 60 on his seasonal debut but defected Tewit Castle by 31 at Ayr (2m 41, good) on his final start last term.

TRAINERS

Partnered by Neale Doughty, Rinus ran on well to beat Nantical Joke by five lengths. Doughty completed a double on The Demon Barber, who gained his first win over fences in the Brennan Novices Chase. Sweet City, ridden by John Hansen, imitiated the Richards treble by winning the Laurieston Novices' Handicap

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Rot	pinson) B Hell 12-0 B West (7) &
Racecard number. Stx-figure form (F - fall. P - pulled up. U - urseried rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if start. (B - blinkers. V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyesthield. C - course winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and	distance winner. BF - beaten favourite in test race). Going on which horse has wo (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner is brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Ride plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.
2.0 SAVE AND PROSPER HANDICAP CHA	SE (£2.469: 3m 190vd) (10 runners)

1 S1-1220 DRRECT APPROACH 17 (0.9F.F.S) (H.Jost) J Gittord 8-12-0 Pales
2 351031- TROUT ANGLER 255 (CD.G.S) (P Trant) Miss P O'Connor 7-11-8 G M
3 321P-43 SUMBEAN TALBOT 16 (0.5) (Mrs R Legoub) Mrs S Amytoge 7-11-5 Mir M An
4 30U34-9 BY MAJOR 16 (0.5) (Mrs G Godfrey) P Harms 9-11-3 D Style
5 2/P146-6 CLASSIC MENO 9 (S) (S Barwine) G Belding 7-10-11 R 5 2/P146-5 CALSSIC MENO 9 (5) (5 BENNING) G BROOM 7-10-11 R Dustresody
7 PF211-P BARRYSVILLE 7 (8,D,F,0,5) (Andrew Beird Tennis Ltd) P Bergoyne 12-10-11. H Davids
8 33/P431 LORD LAURENCE 30 (D,F,5) (Mrs. L Desley) D Gerdolfo 9-10-7. S Michiel
9 054631 ETERNAL CREDIT 244 (D,F,0) (6 Rees) M Pipe 5-10-0. P Sudamore
10 2282/6 MAJOR TOM 13 (D,F,S) (Mrs. J Pely) H Wills 11-10-0. B Powell

Long handicap: Major Tom 9-11.

BETTING: 3-1 Lord Laurence, 4-1 Sunbeem Talbot, 5-1 Eternal Credit, 6-1 Trout Angler, 8-1 Barrysvi 1987: MITHRAS 9-10-8 G Landau (4-1) B Preece 12 ran

2.30 HOLLY AND THE IVY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,478: 2m 50yd) (8 runners) 213/28F- (RREENWOOD LAD 416 (D.F.Q.S) (C Sportborg) C Sportborg 11-12-7. Mr W Sport 11624/ SUNYLYN 593 (S) (W Mawle) W Mawle S-12-4 . 6 Mee 3 2140-11 WATERLOO BOY 17 (D.Q.S) (M Dealey) D Nicholson 5-11-11. R Daniel 13313-F NODALOTTE 12 (D.F.S) (E Bowers) J Spering 8-11-5 . Goo Array 5 04512-0 IOWA 18 (S) (G Doldge) G Doldge 9-10-5 . Peter 8 5 00-6551 BETTY'S GREL 14 (D.S) (J Rochs) O Brancan 8-10-3 . P-29224 BEUAN 3 (R.D.S) (T Bayley) O Brancan 8-10-1 . 8 Footbard 1 Company 1 (G Baicing) G Baicing 6-10-0 . 8 Footbard 1 Company 1 (G Baicing) G Baicing 6-10-0 . 8 Footbard 1 Company 1 (G Baicing) G Baicing 6-10-0 . 8 Footbard 1 (G Ba Long handless: Polo Boy 9-4. 1987: GREENORE PRIDE 10-10-9 A Charlton (4-1) P Burgovina 7 ran 3.0 MISTLETCE NOVICES CHASE (Div II: £1,436: 2m 5f 110yd) (10 runners)

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1 \$3-4P12 MAJOR MATCH 37 (0) (Countess of Eginton & Winton) 7 Forster 6-11-7 Mr M Armylage © 99
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3 \$445884 BRASSEYS COPEE 282 (Miss J Horwood) Miss J Horwood 9-11-0 Bi Jeese (7) 76
4 P-4SSP2 KUMANT STAR 31 (Ms N De Smarry) N Thomson 5-11-0 D Tagg \$3
5 0 PEA SAL 10 (D Ward) M Oriver 5-11-0 D Tagg \$3
6 22/002-0 POLYFEMIS 13 (G Johnson) N Henderson 6-11-0 J White 7 P-0785/ SHANGOSEER 737 (S) (Direct Salt Supplies Ltd) J White 7-11-0 K Burles —
7 P-0785/ SHANGOSEER 737 (S) (Direct Salt Supplies Ltd) J White 7-11-0 K Burles —
8 \$22225 WAYWARD SINGER 9 (JR Upson) J Costalo 5-11-0 F Deter Hobbs 67
10 49533-4 RALEIGH GAZELLE 6 (R Newton) W G M Torner 6-10-9 P Holley (7) 83
BETTING: 11-10 Major Match, 3-1 Polyfemus, 9-2 Wood Singer, 8-1 Kuwek Star, 12-1 Wayward Singer, 1937: NO CORRESPONDERS TAURSON

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P-P VELOS 23 (M Pountsey) J Fox 6-10-11

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JOCKEYS TRAINERS

and a second with the control of the

Norwich's progress exposes identity crisis of Liverpool

Not so long ago teams went to Anfield in trepidation, hoping to learn from the experience but expecting to lose. That Norwich City not only avoided defeat there on Saturday but also strengthened their position at the top of the first division says much about their progress over the past 12

It also says much about the chitist attitude which pervades English football. Those who believe Norwich can add long-term consistency to their skill and a superb organizational sense, have been in the

This result will be viewed as another setback for the outof-touch League champions and not the triumph for Norwich, both in actual and psychological terms, it un-

doubtedly was. When Dave Stringer succeeded Ken Brown as the Norwich manager 13 months ago, the side he inherited was in the relegation zone. One of his first games in charge was against Liverpool at Anfield on November 21 last year. After a goalless draw, he said that while survival was his immediate target, he hoped that a creditable performance could be used as a platform

upon which to build. That future has now ar-

By Dennis Signy

Queen's Park Rangers.. 0

As befits a man who was Britain's first £1 million foot-

baller and has acquired wealth and prominence in his years at

the top at home and abroad, Trevor Francis held centre

stage.
"It was like being back in Italy," Rangers' new player-manager mused afterwards. He

likened his first match in charge to his debut for England in 1977:

the first half-hour was a bit

strange." Francis admitted that

himself off then because he was

unable to relax. Press-box cynics

were relishing the prospect of

Peter Shreeves, the experienced

coach who lost the No. 1 role to

Francis and now calls him "Boss," making the

"Boss" admitted afterwards his blame for his new charges

not collecting a win bonus because of his miss 13 minutes

from the end when, without realizing he had more time, he

slid a shot wide from an inviting position in front of goal. "Well

Having threatened to overrun

from the stands boomed.

stitution.

Francis manages

by good example

having played some good identity but seemingly the football," Stringer said. "We desire to meet a serious threat have not won a League game since early November so if that was our flat spell, I shall be happy.'

"Liverpool are still the yardstick by which we must all be judged. No one should ever write them off. They have always thrived on team spirit and that is what we now have

BELFAST (AFP) — The Northern Ireland squad ap-pears to have survived the weekend without further casualties as it prepares for its World Cup qualifing match in Spain on Wednesday. Billy Bingham, the manager, said: The phone has not rung, which sounds like good news. The squad is really small at the moment and we can't afford to lose anyone, so I'm keeping

my fingers crossed."

Bingham's biggest worry is in midfield. Norman Whiteside and Paul Ramsey have long-term injuries, inflicted because, when the Danny Wilson, of Luton, is decisive goal arrived on the suspended and Bernie hour, Norwich seemed intent McNally, of Shrewsbury, was injured last week.

His words, a predictable warning which the likes of Arsenal, Derby County and Everton should heed, may

Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, who missed the rived. "We cannot have managed to stay at the top of the they will not encourage a team

defeat at Bradford City in

midweek, courtesy of Southall. The most memorable mo-

to its supremacy. This is not the Liverpool of last season, not even of last month. Players of proven ability are making elementary mistakes. Rush's dismal form shows no sign of ending and

A defence stripped of Hansen and Gillespie, both injured, was often indecisive and occasionally cumbersome and would have been embarrassed by the Norwich forwards had McMahon and Nicol not performed with

even Barnes's game is now

The tireless work of Crook, the former Tottenham midfield player, and his constant forays upfield won rich and deserved applause from even the most partisan of the Liverpool supporters.

It was ironic that this latest blow to Liverpool's confidence should have been selfon settling for a point.

In heading Gunn's long clearance straight into the path of the grateful Townsend, Whelan summed up Liverpool's plight.

LIVERPOOL: M Hooper: B Venison (sub N Specimen, 25 mins), G Ablett, S Nico R Whelen, D Burrows, P Beardsley, I Houghton, I Rush, J Barnes, S McMahon NORMICH CITY: B Gunr; I Culverhouse M Bower, I Crook, A Linighan, A Townsend, D Gordon, R Fleck, R Rossic M Phelan, T Putnay. Reference M Roberts

Reserve power of Rangers

By Roddy Forsyth

victory for persevering in the face of frustrating circum-stances, and a retrospective

survey of the championship

might identify this game as one

of the most important.
Their lead at the top of the

table had been eroded steadily

as injuries to key players dis-rupted continuity. McCall, pro-moted from the reserves, scored

pack. His goal was a heartening effort, created by Wilkins with a

and executed with a deceptive

A minute earlier there was a

roar as those with radios at Ibrox learned of Paatelainen's

goal from a penalty which gave Dundee United the lead over

Celtic. United are closest to Rangers in the table but to

Rangers supporters Celtic are

But Celtic are five points adrift of the leaders.Gallacher sealed United's 2-0 victory al-most on full time when he

headed past his own goalkeeper.

on goal difference, although the Dons did themselves a favour

by scoring three times against St

United are ahead of Aberdeen

the greater menace.

ments of this game came when Southall turned over Falco's The meeting of Rangers and Hibernian was as enervating in powerful header and later kept fact as it had seemed in pros-pect. The catalogue of incident, out a spectacular left-foot volley from Francis, who can pick himself on merit as the side's top scorer and most skilful at least around the goalmouths, was dismally thin.
Rangers deserved their 1-0

disrepute, he could have plenty to keep them clear of the

Less memorable were cautions for Dennis, the 68th of his career and on the eve of a threematch suspension for his twelfth dismissal in 10 years in a reserve match, and another for Snodin. Dennis was later carried off with stud marks in a thigh. As he also faces a Football Association

of time to recuperate. Bobby Robson, the England manager, was at the match for a shrewdly placed short free kick, television documentary on excellence in football, concentrat-ing on the marking abilities of Parker, a recent addition to his squad, and the potential of Cottee for scoring goals. The only time Cottee escaped to poke the ball gently under Scaman, Maddix was able to clear off the goalline. "An interesting tussle," Robson said afterwards of Parker versus

QUESITS PARK RANGERS: D Seeman: A McDonald, M Dennis (Sub: M Stein). P Parker, D Pizanti, D Maddib, M Falco, T Francis, W Fereday, D Coney, S Barter (Sub: D Kerstein). Rangers, without providing a suitable finishing touch, EVERTON: N Southelt; I Snodin, P van den Hauwe, K Ratcitte, D Watson, P Bractwel, T Steven, S McCall, W Clarke, T Cottee, P Nevin (Sub: K Sheedy). by the art of incompetence By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

Manchester United.. The fixture which has etched so many memories on the past will leave not a scratch on the recollections of this season. The modern representatives of two mighty clubs who hold such ancient and rich traditions were reduced to providing at Highbury on Saturday little more than the dull and the

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Fourth division

It was even more profoundly depressing to consider that the match might have been billed as Young England (five of the Arsenal side are members of British Isles (more than half of disguise the indisputable. With Manchester United's depleted line-up are established he says that "We are having a

insipid afternoon was incompetence, as was illustrated by all three goals. Arsenal scored their first in spite of their own faults. Smith's control was initially loose, Marwood's volley was wayward and, after the rebound fell conveniently for Thomas, he mis-hit his shot

The left side of United's defence, the responsibility sup-posedly of Blackmore and Sharp, was so defective that Merson could have sailed an ocean liner through the vacant ocean liner through the vacant channel to claim the second. Without rising above the ordinary, Arsenal after a mere 16 minutes were on the edge of minutes were on the edge of wonderful bonus because this

Third division

But they made no further progress. Nor did United until Richardson's ill-conceived idea in midfield allowed Strachan to catch Arsenal off-guard and Hughes to open the closing

not care about a lack of entertainment. For their team to approach the holiday pro-gramme lying two points behind the leaders with a game in hand is satisfactory enough. But those of United can see no evidence of success or inspirational magic. No wonder they have lost their customary place as the best supported club in the land. Nor can Alex Ferguson, who has spent almost £5 million in strengthening the squad, offer

any optimism about the immediate future he says that "We are having a bad time". But, "To see it The outstanding feature of the through", he must persist with youngsters who are utterly anonymous when compared

MANCHESTER UNITED: J Leighton; Martin (sub: R Beardsmore), L Sharp, Bruss, C Blackmore (sub: A Gar), Donaghy, B Robson, G Strachen, Hughes, B McClair, R Milne. Referee: K Bernatt. Dunlop is nearly there season I've been to hell and back

decades ago.

McGrath will not return for at

least a fortnight, Duxbury will not be back for five weeks,

Anderson will probably require corrective surgery before he resumes and Whiteside has been ruled out for the rest of the

season. "Of my 14 years as a manager," Ferguson added, "this is my most frustrating."

So it is for the spectators. More than 37,000 of them assembled at Highbury on Saturday in the expectation of a

glorious spectacle. Instead, as glorious speciacie. Instead, as conceded by Ferguson, they watched United "working away" and Arsenal "running hard". On view was no appeal-

ing art, in other words, but a

Adems, D. Rocastie, K. Richardson, Smith, P. Merson, B. Marwood.

grim picture of industry.

George Dunlop, Linfield's for-mer Northern Ireland goal-keeper, has been excused who has been beaten twice by long-range kicks from opposing goalkeepers.

Although Bangur equalled a 30-year-old club record of eight games without defeat on Saturday they had forwards Billy Drake and Jim Campbell ordered off at Partadown. The Columber of the property of the columber of the property of the columber of the property o training this week in the hope that his groin injury will im-prove sufficiently to let him play in the two holiday games (a Special Correspondent writes).

The Boxing Day match, against Cliftonville at Windsor Park, is scheduled to be Dun-

Coleraine substitute, Barry McCreadie, was also sent off, at Linfield, after playing for only

Gascoigne takes leading role in pantomime antics Gascoigne's individualism but

By Clive White

West Ham United Tottenham Hotspur...... 2

The huff and puff West Ham had put into two unlikely victories against Liverpool and Millwall seemed to leave them physically ill-equipped to cope with the full blown challenge of Totterfall Victories at Victories at Victories and Victories Tottenham Hotspur at Upton Park on Saturday. This was more like the West Ham we have grown weary of, not so much a subtle touch as a soft one. Tottenham were not complaining it made a change for them not to be the figure of additional states.

ridicule.

But then Tottenham have been nobody's fool for some weeks. The relegation whispers of not so long ago gave way to championship boasts on Saturday, even if the boasting was being done by Gascoigne the joker. But given the topsyturvey state of the championship, perhaps it was not such a preposterous claim.

It was difficult to take anything too seriously at Upton Park. A pantomime atmosphere prevailed in which Gascoigne, as is his wont, was cast as the baddie, if only because he was too much of a goodie for West Ham supporters' liking. He cozes with confidence and before being removed from the game by a twisted ankle he threatened to take on and beat West Ham single-handed. Any threatened to take on and beat West Ham single-handed. Any suggestion that Tottenham, though, are a one-man team was dismissed by the decision of Terry Venables not to risk Gascoigne in the second half. There is, however, a certain degree of selfishness in Gascoigne's play, as there probably is in that of most great players. The early attempts at West Ham's goal were all the result of

the best chance of all arose when Gascoigne was forced by necessity rather than desire to give Mabbutt a chance. The right back's disappointing finish probably confirmed Gascoigne's belief that such belief that such jobs are better left to forwards, and better still to himself. Just to prove, though, that Tottenham can succeed without him and that defenders can shoot — somedefenders can shoot — some-times — Mabbutt gave Tottenham the lead with a determined finish to a move which be started deep in his own half.

West Ham supporters were West Ham supporters were not the only ones who did not take kindly to Gascoigne's teasing. Brady reacted irritably once after being embarrassingly sold a dummy. But most of the time West Ham were too busy beating there was a him. west riam were too ousy ocating themselves. There was a hint that Father Time as much as Tottenham's vigilant defenders were catching up with Brady and Devonshire, who were repeatedly caught in possession.

There could be no doubt that There could be no doubt mat Tottenham's superiority, and with it the quality of entertainment, began to fade with Gascoigne's departure. But West Ham, for whom Kelly seems to have temporarily mislaid his natural predatory interesting the properior of Taking stincts, were incapable of taking advantage. They were eventually put out of their misery in the seventieth minute when Thomas, the Tottenbam left back, scored with a cross-cumshot which did more to disprove the theory that defenders cannot

WEST HAM UNITED: A McKnight: S Potts, A Martin, A Gale, G Parris, A Devonshire, P Inco, (sub: K Keem) A Dickers, L Brady, L Rosenior, D Keely, Dickers, L Brady, TOTTENHAM MOTSPUR: R Miners; J Busters, M Thomas, T Fernvick, C Fairclough, G Melbust. P Watsh (sub: M Robson), P Gescoigne (sub: J Potston), C Waddle, P Stewent,

Dreary display highlighted Dear way to watch * one-way traffic

Sheffield Wednesday ... 0

Magnificent irony. The winning goal, three minutes from time, was conceived from a back pass. By then Wednesday had worn so thin the path back to their goalkeeper that, when Varadi was substituted, it raised the question: "Was he pulled off for attacking?"

Wednesday, and Pearson in particular, should have offered the crowd a refund, not as a seasonal act of goodwill but simply for failing to meet the minimum standards that football demands: if not an attempt to win or entertain, at least an occasional gesture towards

I cannot recall a team giving so little in return for supporters' money. At throws and free kicks they procrastinated until the referee insisted on play; defend-ers passed the ball among themselves for as long as their consciences would allow, then finally back to the goalkeeper.

So this was the first division Miliwall had been looking forward to for 103 years: how much better it must have been against Exeter City, Cardiff City and Reading, their opponents in the "Flashback" section of the programme. Peter Eustace, the Wednesday manager, thankfully made no suggestion that his team had been unlucky. "We were without West and

Sterland, our mainstay strikers for the last few weeks; if we had come to play an attacking game

B and Q Scottish League Premier division

we would have been beaten,"
Eustace said. "I make no excuses for how we played because
football is a professional game."
The best response to that came from John Docherty, the Millwall manager. The best method of defence is attack - I could make a case for saying we have got 11 attacking players.

corner. We played the game the way I would like to see it Millwall's patience was admirable. A 31st-minute shot by Megson, saved by Horne, was Wednesday's only worthwhile effort. As 14 corners to two would suggest, the traffic was almost entirely one way. Cranson was dispossessed, Stephenson crossed and

Sheringham headed just over, Proctor blocked McLeary's shot in the same move; the goal-keeper again denied Millwall, running across the goal and flinging himself at Sheringham's free kick.

Never has a goal been more welcome. Hodgson's attempted back pass was seized on by Cascarino; the cross was easy pickings for Sheringham. Even the impartial among us enjoyed McLeary's back pass that fol-lowed. Millwall rose to third.

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MILLWALL: B Home; K Stevens, I Dawes, T Hurtock. S Wood, A McLeary, P Stephencon, L Briley. E Sheringham, A Cascerino, K O'Callegham. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: K Pressmar; M Proctor, N Worthington, I Cranson, N Pearson, L Madden, G Megson (sub: A Gregory), D Hirst, I Veradi (sub: D Hodgson), A Harper, S Jonsson.
Referee: J Deakin.

Blackburn take the top slot By Vince Wright

Blackburn Rovers

Watford ... If Watford had played as well with 11 men as they did when down to 10, they would surely have salvaged something from this top of the table fixture. As it was, they were unable to arrest their faltering promotion chall-enge against Blackburn, who took over the Second Division leadership from Chalkee

The dismissal, after 62 min-utes, of the Welsh international, Kenny Jackett, for a second bookable offence inspired rather than deflated Watford, who were already two goals behind. Shortly afterwards they replaced the subdued Wilkinson with Holdsworth and the substitute

about the sending off. He was inghtly booked for a spiteful eighth minute foul on Gayle and when he deliberately tripped Ian Miller, the referee had little option but to show the red card. If ever a match needed a goal it was this one. Mercifully it arrived after 36 minutes, and was the start of a purple patch by on the left, and his centre was headed well out of Coton's reach by Hildersley.

Hildersley was again involved after 43 minutes when he com-bined with Kennedy to feed Gayle who scored with a fierce

left foot drive. Some of the tension lifted in the second half and Watford made a better fist of things. Roberts struck the cross-bar from a Hodges free kick before Holdsworth's close range header from a Redfearn corner gave the Holin & Register Corner gave in Visitors renewed hope. BLACKBURN ROVERS: T Gennos; Altars, A Dawson (sub. J Mitar), N Raid, Hendry, D Mail, H Gayle, R Hidersley, Karmady. S Gerner (sub. 1 Miter). Homey, S Gerner (Pres. Selera, Selera, Selera, WATFORD: A Coton; N Globs, K Jackett, T MacCelland, N Redfearn, P Miller, J McCelland, N Redfearn, P Wilkinson (sub: D Holdsworth), I Roberts, G Porter, G

beaten League run to eight games and shrugged aside the hiccup of a Littlewoods Cup **Coventry** suffer a dark day By Nicholas Harling

Coventry City... Derby County....

If ever there was a case for turning off the lights completely, this was it. Coventry City must have mused after the fates which way but one on Saturday.
The exception was the fifth
minute penalty save by
Ogrizovic from Callaghan with
a dive to his left reminiscent of

Beasant's plunge to deny Aldridge on Cup Final day. Unlike Wimbledon, Coventry did not sweep forward to victory. They might well have been spared their third home reverse of the season had the floodlights filed in the second helf instead failed in the second half instead of the first, or had the efforts from Speedie, Houchen and Kilcline not bounced off the

The referee, John Martin, did not help their cause either by permitting Derby County's 54th minute first goal. Saunders, despite appearing to handle the ball, surged past Rodger to score his seventh goal in 10 games. Houchen was booked for

Coventry were further hin-dered by the decision of John draw Regis from the attack to fill the gap in defence vacated by Kilcline's departure with a head wound, requiring four stitches. Regis, it was, who had provided the knock-downs from which Speedie and Houchen had al-most profited. After he had left the attack, Coventry created

The same could not be said of Derby, or to be more precise, McMinn. The winger cluded three challenges before rounding-off Derby's success with a stunning goal.

strutning goal.

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Bannister), G. Rodger, D. Phillips, D.
Speede, C. Regis, K. Houchen, D. Smith
(sub. K. Thompson),
Derby Cac. P. Shilton: P. Stedes, M. Forsyth,
G. Williams, M. Wright, R. Hindmarch, E.
McAtton, D. Saunders, P. Godderd, T.
Hebberd, N. Calleghan,
Reference, J. Martin.



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OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION:
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Wimbledon 1; Westerd 1, Arsensi 1.
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1. Glentoran 5; Crusaders 2, Distiller 7;
Linfield 2, Colerane 0; Newry 1,
Ciffionville 3; Crusaders 2, Distiller 7;
Linfield 2, Colerane 0; Newry 1,
Ciffionville 3; Portadown 1, Bangor 1
VALDOHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Preciser division: Bognor 0, Bishoo's Stortford 4;
Brossley 2, Wickingham 1; Carshation 0,
Stough 0; Dagerham 1, Leytonstone/sford 4; Famborough 4, Markow 1; Hayes 2,
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Kingstonian 0; Tooting and Mitcham 2,
Croydon 1; Windsor and Elan 1; Dulwich
0. Phast divisions Busingstoles 3, Wenther
0. Bracknesh 0, Wolong 0; Hampton 1,
Chesham 0; Hitchin 2, Southwick 2;
Kingsbury 8, Basildon 1; Lestherhead 0,
Walton and Hersham 0; Lowes 2,
Boretham Wood 2; Stathes 3, Mercopolitian
Police 0; Wiveninos 3, Collier Row 0;
Worthing 1, Libertidge 2, Second division
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1, Wasse 2; Hertford 4,
Vaudel M, Walton 2, Lettherorth GC 1;
Tring 0, Aveley 0; Wolverton 3, Homchurch 3, Section division south; Cloring 2,
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Yeading 2; Horsham 3, Newbury 0; CHIRCH 3. SECRED GRANDER BOURT DOFFING 2. Whyseleste Q: Eastbourne Lintad 1. Yeading 2: Horsham 3. Newbury 0. Malderhaed Linted 2. Petersfield 1; Molesty 3. Felthurn 1. EINGLESH EAGLES THOPHY: West Sus-ass 1, Brighton 1.



ARTHRIMAN LEAGUE: Premier divinion: Old Brentwoods 5, Old Carthusians 2; Old Reptonients 1, Old Herrovians 1. First division: Old Arthriens 2, Old Wyter-hamists 0; Old Econtaris 2, Old Aldentismians 3; Old Foresters 2, Old













Both World Cups are now safe in Australia's keeping

From John Woocock Melbourne

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Australia's women followed the example of their men, set in Calcutta last year, by beat-ing England in the final of the one-day World Cup, sponsored by Shell, here yesterday. Scoring the 128 they needed to win, with eight wickets and 15.1 overs to spare, Australia were much the better side though England, to give them their due, played quite well.

On reflection, England may wish they had fielded first. The morning was heavy and the outfield much slower than when Australia batted, an inch of rain having fallen on the ground in half-an-hour on Friday evening. Against some most admirably steady Australian bowling it was difficult to get the ball away.

On the other hand, batting second when the same sides had met in Sydney, England were badly beaten; whereas, batting first, a week ago, they had won. So there was a valid enough reason for England to go in first yesterday, even though it did them no good.

The ground fielding on both sides was of the highest standard. It really was very good. Fortunately for England, Australia dropped some catches and a stumping was no means easy meat. missed; otherwise they would almost certainly have made When England fielded, they got just the start they needed, missed; otherwise they would

Hobart (Reuter) — With Desmond Haynes hitting his second successive century, West Indies remained dominant in the World Scries Cup one-day cricket tournament with a 17-run victory over Pakistan here on Saturday

Haynes's quickfire 101 helped

the unbeaten West Indians to 244 for four off their allotted 43

overs, after thunderstorms de-

Pakistan, thrashed by 89 runs

in the opening match between the sides, made this a much

sterner contest however, recovering from 26 for three to finish

on 227 for eight as Salim Malik, Javed Miandad and Imran Khan lashed out in search of an

unlikely victory. The captain hit

five fours and a six while scoring 37 in 19 balls, while Salim Malik

contributed a splendid 68.
Miandad, Pakistan's best hope of winning the match, had reached 62 when he was caught

Haynes had provided the foundation of West Indies'

fourth victory in the series with a powerful display. After hitting Imran's first ball for four he stayed in for 171 minutes and faced 114 deliveries. He and

Dujon put on 145 in 96 minutes

CYCLING

Dighton shows

willing

against Pvne

By Peter Bryan

Gary Dighton yesterday sig-nalled to Britain's champions

that he will be the rider to watch next year. He won the Crest CC

when he pulled his foot from his

Dighton and Pyne stopped the all-rounder champion, Ian Cammish, from repeating last year's victories in the two

A third on Saturday and a fourth place yesterday decided Cammish to put in a spot of extra training and he rode the 35 miles home to St Ives.

RESULTS: Checterfield Spire, 10 miles:
1.M Pyre (Polytechnic-Air Canada) 21 min
42sec; 2. G. Dighton (Team Chilarn),
21:43; 3. I. Cammish (Manchester Wheelers), 27:55. Crest CC, 25 miles: 1. G. Dighton (Team Chilarn), 55:02 (event record); 2. M Pyre (Polyschvic-Air Canada), 59:22; 3. I. Browning (Leo RC),
1:0:17. Yeart: Leo RC

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their true form

With Australia giving nothing away — it was easy enough to imagine a stuffy pair of opening batsmen in a Test match playing a succession of maidens against Australia's bowling yesterday - England were 40 for no wicket after 25 overs and 65 for three after 40. How shall I put it, without being ungallant? Perhaps by saying that Carole Hodges and as well Wendy Watson, well as they batted against the swinging Stand ball, lacked pace between the wickets, when something very spritely was needed to break

up the Australian field.

While Janette Brittin and the infinitely promising Jo Chamberlain were together, for a few overs after hunch, England got moving but Chamberlain was unluckily run out, by a deflection off the noon, but last week's bowler, and it was Brittin or heatwave had broken on Satbust after that. It was a pity, really, that Brittin had not got in before the 27th over, with the touch she has. But even then she needed a couple of early lives, and as she darted about towards the end of England's innings Australia's bowiers were not to be put off. Lyn Larsen's leg rollers and

Lyn Fullston's left-arm spinners, thrown well up, were by

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-173, 3-219, 4-238.

PAKISTAN

b Walsh.
Jawed Miandad c Hooper b Ambrose
Salim Meilk c Logie b Richerds
Jazz Ahmed c Harper b Richards
Turain (Ren c Walsh b Benjamin
Weslm Akrem c Richards b Benjamin
Abdul Cadir not out
Extras (b 4, w 1)

Zoof Walsh

Man of the Match: D L Haynes.

World Series Cup

less of a game of it than they in spite of the problem which not even Derek Randall would did.

Janet Aspinall had in locating have thrown the ball higher for two. But one or two close - the umpires, Bailhache and wicketkeeper, and Lindsay Reeler showed determination as well as a lot of natural

> Standing with her left elbow and her hands as far apart on the grip as it is possible to be, Recter played some drives that were the strokes of the day. She finished the tournament with 448 runs, an average of 149.3 and many

It was hot by mid-afterurday. The players were not at all dwarfed, as I was afraid they might be, on the Mel-bourne Cricket Ground, and although England hit only two fours the boundaries were brought well in, as was sensible. The crowd, given as 3,326, was well dispersed and well disposed, and the Mel-bourne Cricket Club contributed a full scoreboard service, replays and all.

I can tell you now that women do not walk, and that

the stumps. By the end of their than Annetts when she caught fourth over, Australia were 14 Watson. Reeler and Annetts Watson. Reeler and Annetts were not above punching each decisions went Australia's way other's gloves, as Greenidge and Haynes do when they are pleased with themselves, nor King, are both on the current pleased with themselves, nor Test panel — and Denise Australia of treating us to a lap Annetts, knee-high to Harry of honour when they won. Pilling, was given a life by the England fought hard to the last and lost with a smile - to as good a women's side as there can have been. In 1973 England won the first World Cup; there have been three since pointing towards cover point then, and Australia have won

C A Hodges b Larsen
W A Watson c Annetts b Fullston
J A Brittin not out
"J Powel c Matthews b Larsen
K Hicken b Fullston Extres (to 4, w 10) Total (7 wicks, 60 overs) ______ 127

11. Nye and G A Smith did not but.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-52, 3-54, 4-65, 5-74, 6-100, 7-119.

SOWLING: Goss 12-4-33-1; Brown 12-2-15-0; Trectrea 12-1-24-0; Lansen 12-1-22-2; Fullston 12-3-29-3. AUSTRALL

russon Gio not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-14. BOWLING: Aspinal 4-0-16-0; Chamber-ials 6-1-23-1; Hodges 4-1-14-0; Smith 8-4-11-0; Hicken 16-2-23-0; Lovell 6-2-23-0; Kitson 4-5-0-16-0.

Pakistan closer to Bold Azharuddin surpasses Javed

Baroda (Reuter) - Moham- sixth wicket. When the latter med Azharuddin hit the fastest century recorded in one-day internationals, in terms of balls faced, as he carried India to victory by two wickets over New

Zealand here on Saturday.

Azharuddin, who finished 108 not out, having hit three sixes and ten fours, reached his hundred from 61 balls, eight fewer than needed by Javed Minaded for his century for Total (4 wids, 43 overs) _______ 224 C L. Hooper, M D Marshell, W K M Benlamin, C E L. Ambrose and C A Waish did not bet. Miandad for his century for BOWLING: Imran 9-1-49-2 (nb 1, w 1); Alcam 9-0-35-1 (nb 1, w 2); Mudasser 7-0-36-1; Aaqib Javed 8-0-48-0 (w 2); Cledir 6-0-36-0 (w 3); Tauseet 4-0-28-0. Pakistan against India at Lahore

In spite of resting five regular players, India still proved too strong for the touring side and now have a 4-0 lead in the fivematch series, although New Zealand were able to set a formidable target. With Mark Greatbatch scoring 84 not out they reached 278 for three in their 50 overs.

But with Azharrudin in such brilliant form India made light of the challenge and a poor start - their their two wickets went for 12 runs — and got the runs required in 47.1 overs.

The early collapse was repaired by Vengsarkar and Sanjay Manjrekar, who added 68 for the fourth wicket, before Azharuddin took charge. He and Ajay Sharma, who made 50

sixth wicket. When the latter was out, in the 45th over, only 19 were needed and although Sanjeev Sharma and Chetan Sharma fell in quick succession Azharuddin, who had been missed by Rutherford at extra cover at 71, stayed on to hit the

winning stroke.

NEW ZEALAND
JG Wright at Pandit b Venkata
A H Jones c Pandit b Venkata
K R Rusherford c Mangrakar
b C Sharma
M J Greatbatch not out

G Broower, C M Roggiosph and M C Snedden did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-140, 2-155, 3-211. BOWLING: C Sterma 10-0-54-1; Patel 10-158-0; 8 Sharma 19-0-74-0; Venicateremans 10-0-38-2; A Sharma 9-1-31-0, Raman 1-0-11-0.

INDIA B Chandrasakhar c Bra Sharma run out
Sharma e Smith b Snedden
Venkataramana not out
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 1)
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Total (8 wids, 47.1 overs)

Europe lose to US in final

Kapalua, Hawaii (AP) — The round back-to-back on Saturday European PGA team held on to complete the tournament. second place in the morning, only to be beaten by the United States in the afternoon's champ-ionship round, of the \$1 million Kirin Cup World Champ-ionship of Golf on Saturday. In the morning's third and final qualifying round Europe gained five points in their match with Australia-New Zealand to finish

25 miles trial at Quendon, Essex, beating Martin Pyne, one with 16 points. of the season's prolific winners Japan entered the third round with 40 victories, by one minute 21 seconds in 58min 02sec. one point behind Europe. The US team, which won all three rounds, held Japan to three points. The US finished with 29 points; Australia-New Zealand had 14 and Japan 13. The previous day Dighton, aged 20, who was fourth overall in the British best all-rounder championship, had lost to Pyne by one second, having been slightly delayed at the start of the Chesterfield Spire 10 miles

Friday's third round was postponed owing to nearly two inches of rain. Officials decided to bold the final qualifying round and the championship

to complete the tournament.

The US won four matches one to earn nine points. Each match win carries two points, a tie one point and a loss zero.

Europe were able to win only two matches against AustraliaNew Zealand and draw one. Mark Mouland was their top scorer with a three-under-par 69. He descated Roger Davis by a 69 to a 70. The only other win

for Europe was Roman Rafferty's defeat of Ian Baker-Finch by a 70 to a 72. ICRIN CUP: Third round: Australia and New Zeeland bt Europe 7-5. Scores (Australian names first): C Parry bt M James 69-75; B Jones bt G Brand Jr 69-70; P Senior bt J Rivero 89-72: I Below-Finch lost to R Rafferty 70-72; P Davis lost to M Mouland 69-70; G Marah drew with A Forsbrand 71-71. Unlead States bt Japan 9-3. Scores (US names first): E Grenshaw bt Y Nilzeld 67-75; C Beck bt M Kuramoto

69-71; J Sindelar bt I Acki 68-70; M Field bt N Sertzeve 71-72; C Strange drew with T Nakelime 69-89; S pete lost to H Markino 72-73. Final: United Strates bt Europe 8-4. Scores (US names first): Strange bt Moutand 70-71; Sindelar bt Raffarty 68-70; Reid lost to Rever 72-78; Pate lost to Forstvand 70-71; Crestelaw bt Brand Jr 70-71; Beck bt James 69-73. That places: Australia and New Zestand bt James 8-4. Scores (Aus and NZ names first): Davis lost to Natollima 69-71; Balcar-Finch bt Nitzeld 71-74; Jones bt Sertzeve 74-75; Marsh bt Maldro 70-72; Parry lost to Kuramoto 67-73; Serior bt Isao Acki 69-77.

• WELLINGTON: Ian Stanley, of Australia, shot a oneover-par 72 yesterday but held on to score a three-stroke victory in the \$120,000 Nissan-Mobil New Zealand Open championship,

NEW ZEALAND OPEN (Aus unles NEW ZEALUND OPEN (Aus unless statied; 272; I Stanley & 4, 68; 69; 72; 278; M Clayton 73; 68; 70; 65; 277; C Pavin (US), 69, 69, 68, 71; 278; P O'Mañey 77, 65, 67, 68; 278; P Powler 72, 69, 70, 68; D Delong (Can), 69, 72, 68, 70.

BOBSLEIGHING

Tout overcomes losses to his crew

Mark Tout, the British champion, moved up into eighth place in the overall World Cup standings after finishing twelfth in yesterday's four-man competition in Sarajevo (Chris Moore writes). The Army driver, already without Lenny Paul, one of his regular crewmen, was further handicapped by an injury to the brakeman, Dave Armstrong.

But his Wincanton crew, rounds, with the former British champion, Nick Phipps, in four-teenth place.

RESULTS: 1, East Germany II (Crucia). which was only 0.55sec slower than the track record set by Detlef Richter, of East

Tout is also holding a top 10 place in the two-man standings, place in the two-man standings, lying minth after the first three

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RESULTS: 1, East Germany II (Czuda), 3min 18.83eac; 2, East Germany I (Richter), 3:18.72; 3, East Germany II (Falcanberg), 3:18.55; 12, Great Britain I (Tout, Richards, Bramble, Amsstrong), 3:21.74, World Cup standings: Two-man: I. Weder (Suitz, 50 points; 2, Fatkanberg (ES), 25.7 two-man: 1, Weder (Rotter), 30 points; 2, Fatkanberg (ES), 25.7 two-man: 1, Weder, Richter (EG), 57; 3, Fatkanberg, 55; 9, Tout, 35; 12, Phione. 27.

FOR THE RECORD

LACROSSE

A possible world gymnastics champion triumphed in the Kraft International at Alexan-

dra Palace on Saturday when Gennady Zadarochny, a young

Soviet newcomer, won the men's competition decisively ahead of the experienced Fang Min, of China. James May and David Cox, of Britain, were third and fourth respectively.

men's competition decisively ahead of the experienced Fang Min, of China. James May and David Cox, of Britain, were third and fourth respectively. The women's section was captured by Robin Richter, of United States, from Guergana Peeva, of Bulgaria, with former world champion, Oksana Omelianchik, taking the bronze medal. Zadarochny and Fang battled closely. The Soviet's sparkling 37.90; 8, Chen Yao (China), 37.70. NORDIC SKIING BRINE HORTHERN LEAGUE, First division: Cheedle 11, Heaton Mercey & Meltor 14, Rochdele 15, O Halmaians 8, Sheffield 5; Stockport 17, Sale 2; Temperley 8, O

Hands down: Omelianchik during the women's beam final

Zadarochny sparkles

SWIMMING

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RUGBY UNION

Leeds dominate after imposing ruthless defence

RUGBY LEAGUE

Widnes. Leeds. There was no hint of the eventual domination by Leeds in the opening minutes, when Offiah swept past three defenders with arrogant ease for a spectacular try from his own half, and only a desperate ankletap stopped Tait from racing in for a second.

Yet Leeds got to grips and organized their defence so effectively that they put up such a ruthless defensive screen that Widnes, who were without the leadership of the injured Sorensen, were given no more Teeds levelled the scores

when Lyons dived over at a play-the-ball, and went ahead when the the former England rugby union wing, Bentley, picked up a loose ball and, as Offiah surprisingly hesitated, set off for the line, to roll over it as Offiah made a despairing late Stephenson's excellent touch-

stephenson's excenent total-line goal against the wind and two penalty goals by Currier for Widnes left Leeds with a 10-8 lead at half-time. In the second half, with the powerful wind behind them, Leeds held Widnes prisoners in

with a gorgeous reverse pass.
His half-back partner, Ashton,
ran through checkily from a
scrum fed by Widnes without a
finger being laid on him.
Stephenson landed another goal and Leeds took away the champions' unbeaten home record with their best defensive display of the season. Widnes had only one real chance to score in the second half, when Koloto was thrown into touch

sporadic attempts to break out. The third try came when Lyons

sent Maskill through to the line

near the line by Heron.
The victory enabled Leeds to leapfrog Widnes into second place, but the most satisfying feature for their coach, Malcolt Reilly, was the all-round impregnability of the defence.
The Widnes coach, Doug
Laughton, took it all very philosophically. "They were the better side, but we will still be

WIDNES: A Tait; R Thackray, A Currier, D Wright, M Offich; T Jayler, D Haime; D Pyles, P McKenzie, J Grima, M O'Nelti, R Eyres, P Hulme.

LEEDS: A Ettingshausen; J Sentley, G Lord, D Stephenson, C Gibson; C Lyons, R Ashton; L Crooks, C Massidt, H Waddell, R Powell, G Proc., D Heron.

Reference R Terriers (Castieford).

Wigan leave it to dying moments

By Keith Macklin

It took Wigan 70 minutes to break down fierce Bradford the second division the leaders, Northern resistance to reach the John Player Special Trophy win 17-8 at Mansfield. John Player Special Trophy final for the third time in four years. Wigan won 16-5 at Headingley, but trailed 3-0 for most of the first half, and were JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Semi Smit Bradford 5, Wigan 16 (Headingley). hanging on to a 6-5 lead late in STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Hus 11, Oldham 8: St Helene 50, Haldax 16: Saliord 8, Feetherstone 12: Warrington 20, Castleford 26; Widnes 8, Leeds 20.

the game.
Wigan then broke Bradford
hearts and resistance with two tries, the first a spectacular effort made by Hampson and Hanley for Lydon, and the second in the dying moments from Tony Iro.

Castleford maintained their
League leadership and their
unbeaten record in yesterday's
championship game, but they
left it late after trailing 20-16.

Castleford scored two tries by Castleford scored two tries by Anderson and Boothroyd in the last 10 minutes to win a game they seemed likely to lose as Warrington put in a determined assault and Bishop's try gave

them the lead. St Helens moved into third place by thrashing Halifax 50-16 at Knowsley Road, with O'Connor and Quirk getting two tries each as the Saints ran in a tries each as the total of nine tries against the bottom club. Featherstone Rovers pulled away from the Bailey Rochiele Rochiele Whitehaven Pawabury. kicking of Steadman was a decisive factor. Kerry, named man of the match on his debut for Salford last week, missed a simple kick for the home side

Hall also did their prospects

of survival some good by beat- Runcom..... 14 2 0 12 158 409

HOCKEY

claim title on penalties

Scottish clubs, as expected, dominated the invitation indoor tournament which ended at Dundee yesterday. (Sydney Friskin writes). Menzies Hill defeated Murray International Metals 3-2 on penalty strokes in the final after the scores had been tied at 5-5.

The winners had a similar experience in the semi-final, in which they were taken to penalty strokes by Welsh Dragons before emerging 3-2 victors. Slough and Old Loughtonians

Slough and Old Loughtonians were left to contest the minor placings with Slough winning 5-4 to finish sixth. In the play-off for seventh place Old Loughtontians lost 5-3 to Morgan, a local club who filled in after Khalsa withdrew.

Result: Group At Murray Int Metals 11, Stough 2; Weish Dragons 7, Plesus-Mercian 4; Plesus-Mercian 6, Stough 5; Plesus-Mercian 2, Murray Int Metals 4; Weish Dragons 5, Stough 2; Murray Int Metals 6, Weish Dragons 2 Group B: Western Indespension 4, Old Loughtonisms 5, Menzies Hill 9, Morgan 2; Morgan 1, Western Indespension 8; Merzies Hill 6, Old Loughtonisms 1; Morgan 3; Menzies Hill 12; Wester Indespension 3, Semi-finals: Merzies Hill 5, Weish Dragons 5 (Menzies Hill 12; Wester Indespension 2 Semi-finals: Metals 9, Western Indespension 2 Finals Menzies Hill 5, Weish Dragons 5 (Menzies Hill 6, Meish B. Murray Int Metals 9, Western Indespension 2 Finals Menzies Hill 5, Meish 5, Murray Int Metals 9, Western Indespension 2 Finel: Menzies HB 5. Murray Int Metals 5 (Menzies HB won 3-2 on penalty strokes).

Menzies Hill Live cup draw highlights move forward The growing popularity of

hockey was again in evidence when the draw for the quarterfinals of the Nationwide Anglia Cup was made in BBC radio's Sport on Two programme for the first time on Saturday (Sydney Friskin writes). Assisting in the draw was Paul Barber, the Slough and Great Britain full back, who reacted

quickly to the announcement that his team had been drawn to meet Hounslow. "It would have been a great final but even at the quarter-final stage it is bound to be an exciting match and one we would have preferred to have missed," he said Roth Houns, low and Slough are former winners.

winners.

"Since Britain won the Olympic gold medal in Seoul, our social life as players has changed dramatically," he added. "Apart from that, there has been a vast increase in the number of young players now being coached by ciubs, some 60 or 70 a day. The benefit of Seoul has cleary come into the sport."

Neston, winners in 1983 and the only survivors from the Northern Division, are drawn finals will be played on February

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: Isca v Teddington; Hounslow v Stough; Bromley v Old Loughtonians; Havant v Neston.

Poll toppers The Olympic champions, Carl

Lewis and Florence Griffith Joyner have been named the best athletes of 1988 in a poll of 400 international sports administrators iournalists.

Oueen's favourite Lindsey Nimmo, aged 17, one of the brightest prospects in British tennis, has been made top seed for the National Junior Covered Court championship at Queen's Club, London, next month.

Becker is back

Boris Becker, John McEnroe and Gabriela Sabatini, who all missed this year's tournament, have entered for the 1989 Australian Open in Melbourne next month. Mat Wilander and Steffi Graf will defend their

Iran's pledge To clear the way for the resump-

tion of international matches and competitions in the country, the Football Federation of Iran has told FIFA that it will guarantee safety at all football matches within its jurisdiction.

Breech kicks Cincinnati to division title

The Cincinnati Bengals beat the Washington Redskins 20-17 in overtime on Saturday to win the central division of the American Football Conference of the National Football League (NFL). Breech kicked a 20-yard field goal with less than eight minutes remaining to defeat the Super Bowl champions. The winning drive started when Williams, the Redskins quarterback, fum-bled the ball when he was sacked

bled the ball when he was sacked deep in his own half.

The New England Patriots, who are also seeking a place in the NFL play-offs, lost their final game of the regular season, 21-10 to the Denver Broncos, who, like Washington, have already been eliminated. aiready been eliminated.
It is the first time in four years

that the Broncos (eight wins and eight losses) have not reached the play-offs and the first time that the Redskins (seven wins and nine defeats) have had a losing season since Joe Gibbs

has been coach.

The Bengals' win combined with the Patriots' defeat gave the Houston Ollers a wildcard place

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(Math), 15-3, 16-15, 15-3; Kim Yun Ja and
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attack on parallel bars and horizontal bar pulled him clear.

For the women Richter was the model of consistency

throughout, while Omelianchik used her global form only after a

mediocre opening vault.

Bedfordshire Cup Gestrier Final: Stockwood Part 50, Dunstablisms 0. Keet Cap Second reund: Beccebemiens 25, Gürngham Anchorisms 8. Horfs West Beddieser Copt Suchury Court 29, Primer 2. Under 21 County Chemptonship: Army 0, Middlesen 24; Surrey 10, Estelam Counties 25. Clin Interded: Durtfording: 18, Stocky 25; Femborooph 9. Pater Shirk 199.

Sanchez does not say it with flowers

Nottingham Forest ..

Lawrie Sanchez, who last May gave Wimbledon their greatest moment, yesterday struck a blow for the FA Cup holders' first division survival.

Sanchez, whose penchant for delivering decisive goals stretches beyond his Wembley winner, scored in the 78th minute of this match to give Wimbledon their fourth victory of the season and deprive Forest of an expected victory.

Forest who have won only once at home this season against Liverpool, no less never looked likely to produce the football needed to turn

some during his Bristol days. As one would expect, there was nothing flowery about Wimbledon's approach. With Forest struggling to find rhythm, it did not make for

captivating viewing.

Apart from a sixth-minute drive by Parker that brought a spectacular save from Segers, the former Forest goalkeeper, there was more activity on the bench than on the field during the first 45 minutes. At least the gesticulations of Clough as he bellowed instructions to Chapman and Webb kept Forest's supporters remotely

The first half might have been even less appealing for them had a free kick by Wise not drifted wide of an upright. That was a rare piece of

in evidence within the Forest ranks, either. A frenetic attack of theirs at last created a moment of concern when Chapman curled a shot

insipid display.

of the box.

place of Parker but the move

"Forest are such a difficult team to play against," he said. "We were surprised that we didn't see more from them. We managed to close them down very quickly to prevent them getting into a pattern and it worked well for us. The longer the game went, we fancied that we might get a

Sanchez, reflecting on his first goal since the Wembley winner against Liverpool, added: "I don't get many but when they come they are

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S Sutton: S Chettle, B Williams, D Walker, C Foster, C Partor (Stat: S Hodge), F Carr, N Webb, I Clough, L Chepman, B Rice.
WINELEDON: H Segers; T Phelan, Scales, V Jones, E Young, K Curle, C Fairweather, T Gibson, J Fashamu, Sanchez, D Wise.
Referee: L R Dilices.

Stoke hit for six by lively Albion

By Dennis Shaw

West Bromwich Albion . 6

The prospect of West Bromich Albion gaining promotion this season takes on growing in- following up hungrily when evitability with every game.

Since Brian Talbot became
player manager in mid-October, Albion have taken 23

Talbot, delighted at this team played again points from 11 games, their sixth successive home win arriving yesterday with a spectacular display of finish-

Stoke were three goals down by the time their midfield player. Ford, was sent off in the 67th minute for aiming a kick at Anderson after a tackle. In reply, Albion simply doubled their total.

The visitors were virtually seen off in the first 95 seconds. This was the time it took for Robson to nod firmly in at the far post after Whyte had headed on Anderson's corner. From then, Albion worked at boosting their goal difference. The second was driven straight through Fox's legs (32 mins) by Goodman, who later converted a Dobbins pass (84mins) for his seventh goal

Two goals Humphrey keep a run going

Gillingham's leading scorer, Jim Smith, the manager of Steve Lovell, got both his side's goals in the 2-1 win at to sign John Humphrey, the ipton yesterday. It was Gillingham's third successive away win, suggest-ing better times are on the way under Keith Burkinshaw.

Northampton took the lead in the 51st minute through Gilbert but Gillingham were level within three minutes and Lovell settled the issue with an 83rd minute penalty, his 13th

Aldershot's biggest crowd of the season was denied a goal against Breutford, mainly due to a brave performance from the visiting goalkeeper, Tony

The Notts County forward, Ian McParland, played his first game for two months and scored a 54th minute goal at Wigan which proved enough to win the game.

• Police report that 22 spectators were arrested at Upton Park on Saturday following outbreaks of hooliganism at the game between West Ham United and Tottenham Hotspar. Thirteen people were arrested inside the ground and nine outside. Play was held up for two minutes in the second half as police attempted to bring under con-

trol fighting in an area of the

ground known as the Old Chicken Run.

against the inside of a post. By that time - after an hour - it had dawned on Wimbledon that with a little more ambition they could make Forest pay for their strangely

Sutton had to be alert to save a header by Fashanu as a prelude to Sanchez's goal. Fashanu headed down Curle's cross and Sanchez had time and space to rifle a right-foot shot past Sutton from the edge

Forest sent on Hodge in

usually important".

Anderson and Robson combined to dismantle Stoke's bemused defence yet again for Finally, a display which justified a spectacular finale, was rounded off by Robson Fox parried his first attempt to

Talbot, delighted at the way his team played against his former club, played with a knee injury which ought to have kept him on the bench. "Strange that a year ago I wasn't good enough to get into that Stoke side, and I was fit then. Today we played with imagination and flair and with an end product, too."

WEST BROMWICH ALBICN: S Naylor: S Hodson, A Albiston, B Telbot, C Whyte, S North, W Dobins, D Goodman, G Robson, J Pasidn, C Anderson. STONE CITY: P Fox: J Glidman, C Carr, C Kamera, T Henry, G Berry, G Hacdett, P Ware, G Shaw, T Forz, P Beagrie. Reference: G Aplin.

Life ban

The Kenya Football Federa-tion has banned for life Jack Johnson, the Danish coach of Kenya's top team, Gor Mahia, for assaulting a referee after his team had lost a match

bound for Newcastle

Jim Smith, the manager of experienced Charlton Athletic defender (Ian Ross writes). Smith is likely to offer more than £300,000 for the right

 Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds United. dismissed speculation that Justin Fashanu, the former Nottingham Forest and Nor-wich City forward, was to be offered the opportunity to resurrect his career at Elland

 Steve Bruce, the Manchester United defender, will be a surprise witness at an FA inquiry at Lançaster Gate tomorrow when his teammate, Viv Anderson, and John Fashanu, of Wimbledon, face charges of bringing the game into disrepute (Dennis

Signy writes). • Tommy Coakley, the Walsall manager, emerged from a meeting with the chairman, Barrie Blower, to insist that he was still in charge at Fellows Park. A 2-1 defeat at Bourne month was a record tenth in succession for the second di-

vision club. Crystal Palace look set to sign Rudi Hedman, the Col-chester midfield player. Terms have been agreed with the club for an undisclosed

championship challenge.

Their manager, Brian
Clough, was looking forward
to gifts of sweet peas from
wimbledon — evidently

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lost on Segers, who made a
move to Wimbledon from
Ecrest in October.

enough to complete the final. The Swedes could point to the fact that Boris Becker had

also withdrawn from the fifth match, with a shoulder strain. leaving Patrick Kuhnen to play the dead rubber. But there is a world of difference hetween what winners and

losers can get away with. Olsson, a pleasant, fatherly

From Richard Evans Gothenburg

The proud image of Swedish

tennis, already stunned by the

loss of the Davis Cup to Boris

Becker's West Germans, took

another sad and unexpected

To boos from Swedish and

West German supporters, the

Swedish team captain, Hans

Olsson, forfeited the fifth rub-

ber on the grounds that none

of his four-man squad was fit

battering yesterday.

lionaires, was loudly booed when he made the announcement on court in front of a large crowd here at the Scandinavium - a bitter ending to what had begun just 48 hours before as yet another prospective triumph for Sweden's seemingly invincible

Davis Cup team.

Anders Jarryd was suffering from the shoulder injury which had been plaguing him for months - and which had affected his performance with Stefan Edberg in the surprise doubles defeat by Becker and Eric Jelen on Saturday night -Mats Wilander was still worried by shin splints, and Kent Carlsson also declared himself unfit (which raised the question of what he was doing in the squad in the first place).

The fans had been expecting he said. to watch Wilander take on figure who does not appear Becker in the closing match of the players to go out here, but I

Kuhnen play an exhibition against Mikael Pernfors - not even a member of the Swedish

Team jeered for injury forfeit

Moment of triumphant destiny: Jelen and Becker celebrate their hard-fought victory over Jarryd and Edberg

THE TIMES

Proud Swedes suffer final humiliation

Davis Cup team. "I understand your disappointment but you shouldn't boo," Olsson told the spectators. "Nothing is so important that it is worth risking the health of our boys."

Wilander has decided to take his doctor's advice and have two weeks' total rest in preparation for the defence of his Australian open title.

Olsson, who has led Sweden to three Davis Cup wins since 1984, denied suggestions that Sweden, who had not lost a cup match at home since 1981, were bad losers. "The fact that doctors have advised three of our team not to play does not make us bad losers.

"I could have forced one of strong enough to exert discithe final Instead, they were didn't think it would be very
pline over a group of miltold that they would see wise. I promise you that we

will come back strongly next

Edberg salvaged a little for the first time.

from two sets down to beat Wilander, the world No. 1 in the opening rubber on Friday, fought to the end, saving five match points before Edberg won 6-4 8-6.

●In West Germany yesterday, the newspaper headlines inbacked up by four full pages

rected the victory as confirmation and culmination of West Germany's spectacular rise as a world tennis power.

pride for the deposed cupholders when he defeated Carl-Uwe Steeb in the fourth rubber to leave West Germany with a 4-I margin and the trophy in their possession Steeb, who had battled back

cluded "We are the kings of tennis" in Bild am Sonntag. on the victory. Die Welt am Sonntag

Germany's triumph, page 28



From Richard Evans

The tennis war is over. Philippe Chatrier, president of the International Tennis Federation, gave his blessing to the new tour that the Association of Tennis Professionals will run in 1990 in surprisingly effusive terms here yesterday. After all the talk of a rival

ITF circuit and hints of restrictions on qualifying for Wimbledon and the other Grand Slam championships Chatrier has accepted the decision of the world's tournament directors and seems determined to make the best of what he, privately, still considers to be a bad job.

The tournaments decided to let the ATP have a go at running the tour in 1990 and why not?" Chatrier said. "The players are our family and, hear, I have always been a players' man. They feel they are capable of running the circuit and good luck to them. I mean that sincerely. I hope that they will make it work because tennis doesn't need the bad image that another

dispute would bring."
That unexpected reaction will be welcomed by the players. The ITF will continue to have total control of the Davis Cup and the Olympics and share in the running of the Grand Slam tournaments and will, be there to help should the ATP find it has overburdened itself in 1990 when it intends to run a circuit of more than 50 tournaments.



END COLUMN

Madec

has a

record

crossing

Serge Madec, a 32-year-old Frenchman, was yesterday celebrating one of the most amazing feats in yachting - a transatiantic record of 12 days

12 hours 30 minutes (including

six hours lost for repairs). Madee had followed the

route taken by Christopher

Columbus from Cadiz in

southern Spain to what is now San Salvador in the Carib-

bean. He and his six-man crew, sailing the 75ft cata-maran Jet Services, improved

the record by almost nine

bours — and they were 57 days

faster than Columbus five

centuries earlier. The perfor-

mance capped a remarkable year which has seen them race

across the Atlantic to record

the best times both from New

York to the Lizard and from

Madec's time for this lates

triamph over 3,185 miles could

have been even better had his multihuli not been rammed by a spectator boat at the start of the Route of Discovery Race off Cadiz. The repairs cost him and his crew six bours in port

but they not only took the

record, they also won £20,000

Madec, who hails from Brit-

tany and is married with a

sea. He began, like most of the

famous French ocean racers,

as a sailing instructor, and he

joined the Jet Services team

His first success came in

1984 as a crewman with

Patrick Morvan: they

smashed the east-west record

from New York to the Lizard.

Their 60ft catamaran was

hit a tree-trunk in mid-At-

lantic when Morvan was chas-

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Quebec to St Malo.

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Madec: remarkable year from Plymouth to Newport, Rhode Island. Undannted, their sponsor, a French aircourier company, immediately commissioned, a bigger, faster craft - Jet Services V.

The dangers of racing these fast but fragile multihulls into the worst of Atlantic tempests was brought home in 1987, when Jet Services' new skip-per, Daniel Gilard (who had taken the boat to victory in the Round Europe event), was lost overboard during the two-handed race from La Banle to Dakar. Gilard's place was given to Madec, and the boat and skipper have never looked

Setting out from New York at the end of May after a twoweek wait for strong following winds, Madec and his crew arrived off the Lizard seven days six bours and 30 minutes later - an average of 16.76 knots.

In August, Madec and his team won the fully-crewed race from Quebec to St Malo. completing the distance in seven days 21 hours 35 minutes. They were more than 1,000 miles ahead of their nearest rivals.

Merit, the Swiss maxi yacht skippered by Pierre Fehlmann, last night continned to head the separate monohull division in the Route of Discovery. He was 294 miles ahead of the Spanish entry Fortuna with Gatorade, of Italy, a further 18 miles

With Integrity, hold tenth and eleventh positions, 450 miles behind Merit, which is now within 500 miles of the finish line off Sauta Domingo.

Richards returns to treatment room

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

ligament injury which has though the national selectors kept him out of rugby for a will be more concerned that he month. He played throughout should be fit to go to Portugal the divisional game, at imber on January 9 with the England Court, between the Midlands training party which will be and London, the eventual announced today.

winners, in pain and further "The shoulder went when I jarred the limb in the final was preparing to pack down Smith, the London wing.
"I'll give it a couple of

goes,"

Saturday's game was his divisional championship on first since the initial injury on points difference from the November 19 and it is pos-

Staying at

Somerset

Neil Burns, the talented 23-year-old wicketkeeper recently

linked with both Essex and

Surrey, has decided to stay

with Somerset. Burns was unsettled by the departures

last summer of Martin Crowe and Brian Rose, the coach,

and he at first rejected the

county's offer of a new three-

Essex and Surreywere in-

terested in Burns, but Somer-

set will today announce he has

Toulouse (AFP) - New Zealand will play two inter-

nationals in a six-match rugby

league tour of France at the

signed a four-year deal.

Rugby tour

vear contract.

Dean Richards, the England' sible he will miss Leicester's No. 8, suffered a recurrence annual match against the on Saturday of the shoulder- Barbarians on December 28, training party which will be

moments attempting to tackle for the first scrum of the game," Richards said. Given the intensely physical weeks and get some treatment nature of Richards's game, he in Leicester and see how it did well to complete the goes," Richards said match, in which London's 27-6 victory brought them the

£20,000 John Whitaker and Next Gammon won the £10,000 first prize in the Grenoble grand prix yesterday but just missed winning a £20,000 Cherokee Jeep awarded to the rider gaining the most points in a five-show series for which Grenoble was the last show. The vehicle went to Thoma

clears

Fuchs, of Switzerland. Whitaker picked up a fur-ther £10,000 for finishing second in the league. He returns to the Olympia show today to jump in the Crosse and Blackwell grand prix worth £5.500 to the winner. RESULTS: Granoble Grand Prize 1, Next Garmon (J Whitakar, GB), 0 in 48,919ec; 2, Morgat (H Bourdy, Fr), 4 in 34,78; 3, Dollar Girl (T Fuchs, Switz), 8 in 35.09.

The victorious West German squad (from left): Becker, Knhuen, Pilic (the team captain), Jelen and Steek



On course

Sassari, Italy (AFP) -Francesco Damiani, the un-beaten Italian heavyweight boxer, kept his world title hopes alive here on Saturday when he retained his European crown with an easy third round knock-out win over end of next year. The tour is Manfred Jassmann, of West from November 20 to Decem-Germany. Damiani stretched his record to 23 wins.

Injury blow Toulouse (AFP) - Thierry Devergie, France's new international rugby union forward, is feared to have fractured his jaw when he collided with an opponent during Nimes' 14-9 French championship defeat at Blagnac yesterday.

Cambridge win Cambridge University's modern pentathion club defeated Oxford University and the French Ecole Polytechnique

in Paris. Ski reports

The Times tomorrow begins its daily service of snow and conditions reports by the Ski Club of Great Britain from the leading resorts in Europe. In addition, we will be featuring reports from the tourist boards of France, Switzerland, Austria, West Germany, Italy, Spain and Yugoslavia.

Whitaker | Second chance for charity runners By David Powell

For the third successive year, The Times and Tandem Computers are offering 12 places in the London Marathon for runners with worth-

while causes to support.

Some 30,000 applicants, for whom places could not be found in the world's biggest marathon on April 23, will have received their letters of rejection in recent days. Today's announcement offers them another chance to be on the start line. We are looking for fund-

rumers who have a particular

cause at heart and who are not

ing the 31,000 — compared with 29,000 in the last London Marathon - assured of their In conjunction with Tandem Computers, who provide the complete computing facilities for the build-up, running and results of the race, we have secured 12 positions on the

start line. These will go to the

people who convince the indges that their causes are the most worthy of The Times/Tandem Computers Marathon Appeal. The marathon has a new sponsor, ADT, who are keen to see the fund-raising side of the event maintained, as well as providing an attractive elite

We welcome applications from ranners supporting not only astional and local char-ities but local projects and individual adventures too. Ali will be considered. Our aim is to provide the opportunity for 12 of them to use this appeal to attract sponsorship.

Tandem are offering prizes

of £250, £150 and £100 in sports shop vouchers, or judges' decision is final.

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raisers from our 12. Each member of the squad will All you have to do is explain, in no more than 200 words, why you and the campaign you support deserve one the The Times/Tandem Computers places in the ADT London Marathon. Your letter must also note the full address of your chosen charity, or other beneficiary of your effort, your name, address and daytime telephone number, date of birth, experience of distance running and your

willingness to run, Letters should be sent to The Times/Tandem Computers Marathon Appeal, Sports Department, The Times, Pennington Street, London E1 9XN, to arrive not later than January 11. Entries will be examined by a panel of judges, including Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent of The Times, and Mike Lambert, marketing director of Tandem

Computers UK. From the entries they will select a short-list of people who will be checked for their suitablity to run 26 miles 385 yards and the authenticity of their chosen campaign. When the short-list has been exam-ined, we will publish the names of the 12 winners and their causes. Each will be featured in The Times. The

The Santa Maria, the flagship which carried Columbus with 40 crew across the Atlantic in 1492, was just two feet longer than Jet Servicts. There the similarity ends, apart from the cramped con-ditions. Columbus' boat weighed some 202 tons against Jet Services' nine tons, and he took 69 days 22 hours to sight San Salvador, an average of 1.9 knots; Madec comp the journey at what for him was a leisurely pace of 10.6

Britain's two entries

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